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N. Korea test-fires 6 missiles, sparks outrage

launched six missiles, including a longrange Taepodong, in an early morning barrage on Wednesday, defying stern international warnings of retaliation and prompting concerns that it could follow with more tests.

The missiles apparently fell harmlessly into the Sea of Japan, and US ofofficials said the long-range Taepodong-

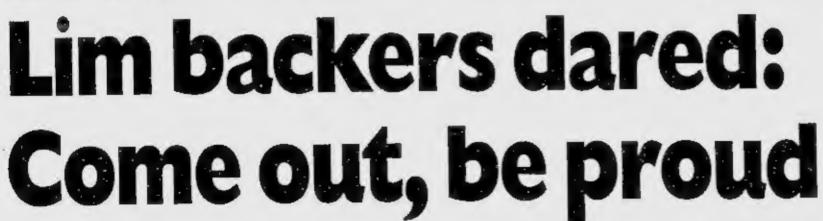
2 failed shortly after takeoff, calling into question the technological capability of North Korea's feared ballistic missile program. Pyongyang last fired a long-range missile in 1998.

Even so, the audadous military exercise drew immediate attention and condemnation. The North American Aerospace Defense Command monitored the launches as they progressed but soon determined they were not a threat to the United States, a

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spokesperson said. Two US state department officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the long-range missile was the Taepodong-2, North Korea's most advanced missile with a range of up to 15,000 km. Some experts believe it

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### Señeres: What we did was patriotic, not illegal

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

WITH PRIDE, FORMER AMBASSADOR ROY SEÑERES HAS acknowledged he encouraged Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim to withdraw support from President Macapagal-Arroyo in February and challenged others involved in the alleged move to oust her to come out publicly.

### Civilian leaders stopped soldiers from attacking

By Tony S. Bergonia

CIVILIAN LEADERS IN THE PLOT TO oust President Macapagal-Arroyo prevailed upon rebellious soldiers to drop plans to assault Malacahang in February and prevented an outbreak of violence.

Sources, both from the civilian and military factions that wanted Ms Arroyo removed from power, said the attack on Malacafiang was the first step that rebel soldiers and officers had planned to

Assaults were planned first on Feb. 13 and then again on Feb. 19 but both were aborted, said the sources, some of them aides of politicians who were privy to the

Another strike on the Palace was planned for Peb. 24, but by that time, Malacañang had gotten wind of it, prompting the President to declare a national state of emergency and preventing what it said was a leftist and rightist conspiracy to seize power.

"I admit it," Sefieres said in an exclusive interview with the bequises following the broadcast over ANC relevision on ay night of a video showing Lim, the commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment, disavowing allegiance to the

"There's nothing illegal, nothing im-moral in what they did. You can't do anything wrong if you're fighting evil," he

Señeres said he felt bad that Lim had been left on his own. "I'm fed up, consid-

ering what he did is not illegal," he said. "I was one of those who encouraged Lim to withdraw support. I personally saw him and other officers of the AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines) in the middle of last year," said Sefieres, 59.

Reached by the biquiaer yesterday, the 50-year-old Lim declined immediate

Sefieres ticked off the names of some of those from the private sector he claimed were involved in the Peb. 24 plot: former Executive Secretary Oscar Orbos, former Defense Secretary Renato de Villa, ABC-5 chair Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangeo, construction mogul RF. Cruz Jr. and old-rich scion Inigo Zobel.

"The reason I'm naming names is they should come out in the open and admir



THREE GENERATIONS AT THE PALACE, President Arrayo's eldest son, Rep. Mikey Arrayo and his year-old daughter Monique wait for the arrival of his mother who's to preside over the awarding rites for the country's outstanding policemen on Wednesday.

### **GMA** not in the mood to talk peace with Reds

THE ARROYO ADMINISTRATION WILL pursue a "legal and military offensive" against communist rebels, but it could still resume peace talks, Jesus Dureza, presidential adviser on the peace process, said yesterday.

President Macapagal-Arroyo peared not to be in a talking mood, or dering the military and police forces at the swearing in of a new Philippine National Police chief to "end this revolutionary taxation" by dismantling the rebels' network in rural areas.

Dureza expressed surprise at the rebels' fresh call for the resumption of talks, saying the government would have to meet and draw up plans to respond to the peace overtures.

He said he informed Norway that the Philippine government was on a legal and military offensive against the Communist Party of the Philippines.

"As facilitators, they respect the position we are taking," Dureza told journalists after returning from a trip to Oslo where he briefed Norwegian officials on the status of the peace talks.

He said he had not met with any representative from the rebel group in Oslo, where he attended a forum discussing

### 'All-out war means more loose guns'

By Norman Bordadora

GROUPS SEEKING STRICTER GUN CONtrol in the country warn against more guns and ammunition finding their way into the country's loose firearms market as the government steps up its campaign against communist rebels.

With an additional funding of P1 billion, the military and police are expected to stockpile more guns and ammunition in an effort to crush the New People's Army, the military arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines, in two years.

Amnesty International (Al) and fellow members of the Philippine Action Network on Small Arms (Philansa) said areas involved in civil war or those in transition ALL-OUT WAR! A4

### Video boosts Palace to use Marcos powers, if needed

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

BRIG. GEN. DANILO LIM'S VIDEO HAS emboldened President Macapagal-Arroyo's administration to go after coup plotters and given it confidence to use powers the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos exercised if warranted, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said yester-

Ermita said in an Interview with the Inquires that Ms Arroyo's proclamation of a state of national emergency on Feb.

24 was just the first stage of the "government's graduated exercise of its powers."

He said the video showing the commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment declaring withdrawal of support from the President justified her issuance of Proclamation No. 1017 to crush what she then said was a leftist and rightist

conspiracy to oust her. "It really emboldened us. We are more confident of declaring (another state of emergency) when the situation on the

bow! red with blood. My elder brothers each had their turns but they were just overwhelmed," VIDEO BOOSTS/A4

Life is sweeter for sugar farmers ENRIQUE MAGALONA, NEGROS OCCI- the mother of three and former student activist told Agence France-Presse, "They went back to live in Manila," It was dental-Regina Martin knew next to nothing about farming when her father handed her the family estate in the

a time of death on Negros island. Under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform 1980s, as prices tanked and insurgents Program, big landowners surrendered threatened to rum the Philippines' sugar their plantations to the government, which parceled them out to farm hands

whose children were starving.

Impoverished farm workers also made fertile ground for communist New People's Army guertillas after the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos drove many planters to ruin by imposing a govern ment monopoly on sugar trading.

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### Senior discounts are tax-credit—SC

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE 20-PERCENT DISCOUNT THAT DRUG stores give to senior citizens are considered as tax credit and may be deducted from their tax liabilities, the Supreme Court has ruled in two similar cases.

FORECAST: Central and Southern Lozon and Western Visayas will

experience mostly cloudy sites with scattered cainstrovers and thursdomes. The rest of the country will have parily cloudy to at

times cloudy sites with isolated rainshowers or thuriderstorms

In one case, the Supreme Court ruled that as per the Senior Citizens Act, the 20 percent discount that private companies estend to senior citizens buying medicine could be deducted from their tax liabilities.

It also said that the tax credit arising from the discount could be carried over to the next taxable year.

The Supreme Court issued the ruling as it reinstated an earlier resolution of the Court of Tax Appeals directing the issuance of tax credit certificates in favor of Bicolandia Drug Corporation, a franchise of Mercury Drug.

The second Supreme Court ruling that stated

that the 20 percent discount to senior citizens could be considered tax credit concerned the Commission of Internal Revenue and the Central Luzon Drug Corporation.

The Central Luzon Drug Corporation had put in a claim for a tax credit certificate equal to the amount of the 20 percent discount that it had extended to senior citizens who had purchased

The Supreme Court granted its claim, stating in the said decision that the said discount is a tax credit and not a deduction from the gross sales of the establishment.

However, the mibunal denied Bicolandia's request for a tax refund. Bicolandia sought a refund of the amount of income tax it allegedly overpaid in 1993 and 1994 as a result of treating the 20 percent sales discount as a tax deduction rather than as a tax credit.

# Masinloc bidder given 30 days more to pay up

# STOP THE IMPEACHMENT!

(Highlights of Resolution No. 2006-030 unanimously approved by the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), the umbrella organization of all local government leagues, composed of governors, vice governors, board members, mayors, vice mayors, councilors, barangay and SK officials and appointive LGU officials and employees representing 1.7 million members, on July 3, 2006 during its 45th National Executive Board Meeting at the Century Park Hotel, Manila.)

### The political opposition is at it again!

It has recycled the old, unsubstantiated charges against President Arroyo-and filed a series of impeachment complaints against her.

Because the charges are recycled and unsubstantiated-and show no compelling reason to give them due course-they have no chance to prosper at all. Just like last year's first impeachment complaint against the President, the new complaints will be decisively beaten. This is as clear as day. The nation's thoughtful leaders see them as promoting only the "personal agenda" of certain politicians.

Support for the complaints has fallen even among opposition lawmakers, according to published news reports: 26 votes at the most-far below the 78 needed to impeach—and just half the original number of opposition solons that supported the first impeachment complaint last year.

So why plunge the country in turmoil-when the patriotic course of action is to move forward by sustaining economic growth and bringing the fruits of development to our people?

The Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), realizing that the new impeachment complaints would harm the nation at this time, calls on the opposition to show wisdom and temperance, and to play its role as fiscalizer responsibly, and with the nation's interest at heart.

Let the national interest prevail-not the personal ambitions of a few.

### Filipinos want to move on

Let us be guided by what majority of our people want (as shown by the March 8-14 survey of the Social Weather Stations (SWS):

 Majority of Filipinos (51 percent) wants to put behind the outcome of the 2004 presidential elections because "it is time to move on and let the President focus on the real problems of the nation."

· A bigger majority (58 percent) wants the opposition to "start helping (President Arroyo) to improve the country and stop too much politics."

It is clear the new impeachment complaints are geared towards bad publicity. They are for igniting a new round of partisanship.

### The Filipino people don't deserve any of these

The Filipino people would be the losers in this opposition scenario.

It would wipe out the gains made by President Arroyo in her recent European trip (foreign investments worth \$380 million or over P20 billion, and over 100,000 overseas jobs for Filipinos from our Italian and Spanish partners).

It would set back the government's reform agenda to sustain rapid economic growth, create more jobs and raise personal income, make the Philippines competitive globally, and defeat decades of poverty.

All over Asia-and the rest of the world-even the younger, smaller nations are passing us by. They are busy building the future for their people and making competitive gains in the world economy.

In the Philippines, certain sectors want to burn our house down.

Therefore, the ULAP, as the representative of 79 provinces, 117 cities, 1,501 municipalities, and 42,000 barangays, calls on the opposition in a formal resolution approved by the ULAP National Executive Board to STOP THE IMPEACHMENT!

### **ULAP fully supports PGMA**

ULAP further calls on our people to rally behind President Arroyo and her government.

ULAP finally reaffirms its unequivocal support for President Arroyo to enable her to finish her term in 2010 and complete her reform agenda to fight poverty, create jobs, build roads and bridges, bring electricity and clean water to the poor and make the country competitive in Asia and the world.

### We want reform—not political intriguel We want progress—not political turmoil! We want to build the future of our nation-not to destroy it.

Done this 3rd day of July, 2006, in Manila. Signed: Gov. Erico B. Aumentado, National President; Mayor Ramon N. Guico, Jr. Executive Vice President; Vice Mayor Luis 1. Bustamante, VP for Luzon: Mayor Geronimo Buenaventura P. Treñas, VP for Visayas; BM James Marty Lao Lim, Treasurer, Vice Gov. Julius Herrera, President, Vice Governors League; Coun. Elmer Datuin, Chairman, Phil. Councilors League; BM Vincent H. Piccio III, President, Board Members League, Mayor Jose Atlenza, President, Metro Manila Mayors League; Vice Mayor Jessie Cruz, President, Vice Mayors League; BM Alan D. Zulueta, VP for Mindanao; Vice Gov. James Calisin, Press Relations Officer; Coun. Carlo Pontico Fortuna, Secretary General; Coun. Julian Coseteng, Asst. Secretary General; BM Shierly Aaia, Auditor; Comm. Milton Isagani G. Mendador, Asst. Treasurer. Cecilla Banca Santos, President, League of Nurses, Frances Prescilla Cuevas, President, League of Govt. Midwives.

By Michelle V. Remo

ONE LAST CHANCE.

After forfeiting its \$14 million performance bond five days ago, the government extended for the third time the deadline for YNN Pacific Consortium to remit the \$227.54 million required down payment for the 600-megawatt Masinloc coalfired power plant in Zambales.

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves, chair of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM), gave YNN Pacific and its partner until the end of July, or another 30 days, to deliver the downpayment.

Teves said the 30-day period was a reasonable time frame for YNN to deliver the payment.

The YNN consortium submitted the \$561.7 million winning bid for the power plant in December 2004. Under the bidding rules, YNN must pay 40 percent of its winning bld.

### Rebidding

But Teves said that if YNN and partner Ranhill Power Berhad still failed to pay the amount by the end of July this year, then the PSALM board would have to discuss moves to rebid the country's largest coal-fired plant.

On Friday PSALM forfeited the \$14 million performance bond of YNN after it failed to meet the June 30 deadline to pay the \$227.54 million downpayment. The June 30 deadline was actually already an extension of the original deadline of March 31, 2006.

He said the fact that the government forfeited the amount of performance bond no longer put it in a disadvantage despite the delayed, and possibly failed delivery of the required downpayment.

Teves said the PSALM board would have to study applicable rules to determine whether YNN would still be allowed to join the rebidding of the Masinloc plant, if there would be one.

But he said that given the questionable financial capacity of YNN, it might not be prudent to allow the consortium to join the bidding again.

### First extension

The PSALM board had agreed to the first extension on condition that the performance bond be raised from \$11 million to \$14 million.

The PSALM board will continue making decisions based on its primary concern-ensuring that the Filipino public has ready access to power and energy at the lowest possible prices," Teves said. First Generation Holdings which submitted a bid of \$274.85 million for the power plant in the

December 2004 bidding lost to YNN. But YNN's winning bid became a subject of congressional inquiry because of rumors that YNN was not financially stable and due to suspi-

cion that the public bidding was not above-board. Finance officials, however, stressed that the government had to declare YNN as the winning bidder because it submitted the highest bid. Despite its problems with YNN, the government remains highly optimistic of auctioning off five major power plants of the National Power Corp.

### Moving ahead

The government's restructuring and privatization program for the power inclusing will not be hindered because we're moving ahead with the bidding for the assets of Napocor scheduled this year," said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

Empita was unfazed by the borched Masinloc auction considering that it made PSALM, the state agency tasked to oversee the sale of Napocor's assets, \$14.14 million richer with the forfuiture of YNN's bond after it failed to meet the June 30 deadline to pay 40 percent of its winning bid.

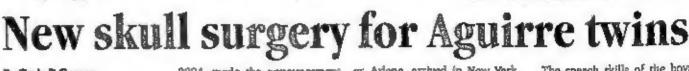
"As our recent experience with Masinloc has shown, the necessary measures to ensure that the government's interest is fully protected are in

The government must wait for favorable conditions before attempting to sell Masinioc again,

Ermitm said other power assets of Napocor to be sold this year include the 100-MW Paruabangan hydroelectric plant, the 12-MW Masiway hydroelectric plant, the 275-MW Thvi geothermal plant, the 425-MW Makban geothermal plant, and the 360-MW Magat hydroelectric plant.

Errnita said interested bidders have until the middle of this month to submit applications to take part in the public auction for the 25-year, concession to run the country's power transmis-

With a report from Gil C. Cabacungan, In



By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—THE 4-YEARold Aguirre twins of Silay City,
Negros Occidental, who were
once conjoined at the heads, will
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Negros Occidental, who were once conjoined at the heads, will undergo skull reconstructive surgery in August, (wo years after they were successfully separated in New York.

Dr. Ceres Gay, whose appeal for

Dr. Ceres Gay, whose appeal for surgery help brought worldwide attention to the plight of the then one-a-half-year-old twins that led to their successful separation in compan

2004, made the announcement yesterday.

She said she was informed by Dr. James Goodrich, director of pediatric neurosurgery at The Children's Hospital at Monte-fiore (CHAM) in New York of the planned skull reconstructive surgery in two phases in August.

The skull reconstructive surgery is needed to protect the scalps of the boys following their separation, Gay said.

Twins Carl and Clarence, accompanied by their single mother, Arlene, arrived in New York Sept. 10, 2003 and have been cared for by medical teams at CHAM and at the Blythedale Children's Hospital for free.

Four procedures took place over the course of 10 months. The final separation procedure took place during approximately 17 hours of surgery on Aug. 4, 2004.

Goodrich, in an email message to Gay, said: "The boys are doing well, amazing to see them develop along. Both are up and runring about though Carl remains the lazier of the two," he said. The speech skills of the boys have also picked up, he said.

"Carl and Clarence have done remarkably well, exceeding our best expectations since their separation," Goodrich also said in a recent CHAM medical bulletin.

"We are encouraged by their continued development and lack of significant medical problems," he said, "Their progress is remarkable and it is a pleasure to watch them as they move around to explore a world that had been out of their reach," he added.

SC sets deadline for ground rules of protest

AND CLARENCE: One more surgery

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE PRESIDENTIAL Electoral Tribunal yesterday set a July 17 deadline for the submission of a list of suggested procedures and probable hearing officers for the partial determination of defeated vice presidential candidate Loren Legarda's electoral protest.

But even before the deliberation for the partial determination of protest has begun, both sides already predict victory.

Legarda's lawyer, Sixto Brillantes, said Legarda would recover "pienty" of votes in Cebu alone, although he declined to give a figure because he does not want the side of Vice-President Noli de Castro to know yet what it would be.

"Definitely there is substantial fraud and irregularities committed in Cebu that is why we agreed for a partial determination," Brillantes told reporters at the Supreme Court yesterday after the pre-liminary conference for the partial determination of protest.

1.2-M edge?

Cebu and Lanao del Sur are the pilot provinces whose ballots and election returns would be the subject of the partial determination of the protest.

Legarda earlier said she should have won by as much as 1.2 million votes over De Castro.

De Castro's lawyer
Romulo Macalintal,
for his part, said
there were no massive irregularities in
contested provinces.

He also said that even if there would be irregularities shown, these would not affect the votes for the nadonal candidates.

"We are very very confident that the vote lead of the Vice President would not be affected because the ballors have been properly revised. If there would be irregularities in some precincts, that would not be material because apparently the alleged irregularity livolved local."

cials," he said.

Macalintal also said he sought the partial determination of the protest, to which Legarda's camp agreed, because the protest might take longer to resolve without it.

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He said if there were no irregularities shown in Cebu, Legarda's camp may withdraw its protest already.

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### RP hits North Korea missile tests

THE PHILIPPINES YESTERday expressed concern over North Korea's test-firing of six missiles, with senior officials of the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo calling the exercise a threat to world peace and urging a stop to Pyongyang's missile program.

"Anything that will threaten world peace should be a concern of everyone, especially members of the UN, and all peace-loving nations," Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita told reporters.

"Therefore, we take this sericusty and we are hopeful that this program will not be pursued anymore," Ermita said.

Manila is 'hopeful that the powerful countries and the UN will be in a position to really stop this because it is a threat to world peace," he added.

#### Impact on Asia-Pacific

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo also voiced out the government's "deep concern" over the North Korean missile tests, warning that these would have a "negative impact on the peace and stability of the Korean Peninsula and the Asia-Pacific region."

"The Philippines stresses the need for a peaceful and diplomatic resolution of the (North Korea) nuclear issue and therefore joins the international community in calling for North Korea to immediately cease such missile test-firing activities and to resume the process of diplomatic negotiabons," Romulo said in a state-

The tests "run counter to the confidence-building efforts being undertaken by the Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Regional Forum,"he added,

The missile tests by the Stalinist state triggered a flurry of diplomatic initiatives, headlined by a meeting of the UN Security Council to be convened later Wednesday. Reports from Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Volt C. Contreras and AFP

### GMA not in the mood to talk peace with Reds

ways and means to end armed confilets in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Dureza said "the doors to peace are open" but formal negotiations could only resume if the rebels agreed to certain conditions. He did not elaborate on those terms.

Top leaders of the communist-led National Democratic Front flew to Oslo separately from their Nether-lands base earlier this week to urge the Norwegians to encourage the Arroyo administration to return to the negotiating table.

Norway has been brokering talks between Manila and communist leaders in an effort to end 38 years of conflict that has killed more than 40,000 people.

The talks were suspended in 2004 after the rebels demanded that the government ask the European Union and the United States to remove them from the EU and US list of foreign terrorist organizations.

### Norwegians in Manila

On June 14, or two days before Ms Arroyo declared an intensified campaign against communist rebels, senior officials of ecusive order this week that will see

the Norwegian foreign ministry were in Manila to ask whether the two sides could return to the negotiating table, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said

Ermita said Malacañang told the Norwegians that this was possible only if the CPP did not set preconditions that would place the government "under the gun."

The government must see "sincerity" from the rebels if talks are to resume, he said.

#### New executive order

Ermita said the Palace had asked the government peace panel led by former Labor Secretary Nieves Confesor to assess the NDF offer of negotiations. "I have told Jesus Dureza to six down with the panel and come. up with your recommendations," he

But Prinks said the government was not softening its stance on the communist rebels.

At peremonies that installed Opcar Calderon as the new PNP chief in Camp Crame, Ms Annyo announced that she was signing an ex-

Philippines teaming up to fight the New People's Army, the armed wing of the CPP

"As we run to the ground the armed core of the terrorist Left, we will take away the fears that the rebels try to instill on people and we will beat them on their armed objective by focusing on nation building," Ms Arroyo said in a speech.

In his acceptance speech, Calderon said: "Our Commander in Chief has spoken. On her orders we shall move to crush the insurgency and rebellion at its core."

Bur Calderon said government troops must fight "not as conquering warriors but as partners of the people in reclaiming victory for justice and democracy."

### Time trattlefield

The true bartlefield, Calderon said, lies not in the mountains but in the hearts and minds of the public.

Senators, however, urged the Palace to reconsider its hardline stance against a fresh offer by the NDF to restart the peace talks.

Talking peace is always better than a shooting war," Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jc said. termoon, when he would spell

the PNP and the Armed Forces of the The government, however, must be prepared to do what needs to be done to assert its sovereignty"

Senators Rodolfo Biazon and Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said the government must talk with communist rebels despite its fresh "all-out war" against them.

#### Return of Marcos policy

In the House of Representatives, Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said Malacañang's rejection of the NDF's peace initiative could signal the return of the Marcos-era policy of annihilation of members of the underground movement.

"Corollarily, she (Ms Arroyo) already ordered the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police to be partners in the pursuit of counterinsurgency operations," he said.

Ocampo pointed out that the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos did the same—combine the military and police forces to pursue rebels in the countryside.

#### Cops strategy vs rebels

Calderon was expected to hold a command conference with senior officers yesterday af-

out his initial priorities.

After the ceremony, Calderon told the Inquirer that "strategies will be implemented"

against the insurgency. Sources in Camp Crame earlier said these strategies included ancouraging soldiers, policemen and civilians to file charges against

rebels for attacks. They also included the tapping of people at the barangay level to help determine the inner workings of communists," said a senior officer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

#### Like Cafgu

The officer said in a recent interview that the PNP might train a force similar to the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu), a paramilitary unit under the supervision of the military.

While Cafgus are mostly concerned with perimeter defense, the police andliary will help in law enforcement. "They might also be utilized in intelligence gathering," the official said. Reports from Reuters, AFR Christine O. Avendaño, Michael Lim Ubac and Luige A. del

### 'All-out war means more loose guns'

from armed conflict were veritable sources of loose firearms.

"Where else will the insurgents get their firearms? Many of their guns also come from the soldiers themselves," said Mei Orias, Al-Pilipinas media officer.

### Gov't arsenal No. I source

The Gaston Ortigas Peace Institute (Gopf), a member of Philansa, said the government arsenal was one of the three main sources of loose arms in the country. The others are local manufacturers and smugglers.

"Corruption results in the leakage of state-owned weapons," said Beverly Orozco of Gopi, referring to unscrupulous members of the military selling guns and ammunition to private individuals and groups, including criminels and insurgents.

Between 2005 and the first quarter of 2006, there were 450,000 unregistered firearms in

which were suspected to be in the hands of communist rebels and Moro secessionists in Mindanao. said Gopi, citing statistics from the Philippine National Police.

#### UN meet on small arms

This kind of phenomenon doesn't only happen in the Philippines but also in other countries engaged in anned conflict or in transi-

the country, some 150,000 of tion from a civil war," Orias said.

Philansa is calling on the government to strengthen controls on arms transfer in the wake of a United Nations meeting on curbing the illicit small arms trade.

If this opportunity to agree on global principles will be passed up, there will not be another chance to talk about small arms until 2011. By then, another 1.7 million people in the world

would have been killed," said Dr. Jasmin Galace of the Miriam College Center for Peace Education.

#### 640-M guns

There are 640 million guns in the world, with 8 million new ones manufactured every year, according to Galace.

"Between 10 and 14 billion rounds of ammunition are made each year, enough to kill everyone

on the planet twice over," she said. Wilnor Papa, another Al-Pilipinas

official, said the government's allour war was not the solution to the 38-year communist insurgency.

"So long as there is a homeless person out on the street, there'll always be a rebel," Papa said.

Al-Pilipinas maintains that social justice and basic services will solve the insurgency more than

### Video boosts Palace to use Marcos powers ...

ground dictates that it needs to be declared," said Ermita, speaking in English and Tagalog.

If the situation becomes serious, Ermita said the next steps could be similar to the moves made by Marcos in the early 1970s—the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus and later the declaration of

But I would not want to say that it is easy

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to issue these proclamations," said Ermita, who stressed that the government would only art depending on the situation.

### Caution from Biazon

Ermita also disclosed Malacañang's resolve to pin down Lim and his supporters with an eye on making them an example to discourage further military adventurism.

The least I can say (is) he will be pinned down because of the incontrovertible evidence about the plot on Feb. 24," said Ermita

referring to the Lim video. This administration under President Arroyo will have full resolve to see this through to its successful conclusion," said Ermita who noted that Malacañang would have wanted to resolve the case soon "if we are under other

political conditions." Sen. Rodolfo Biazon warned the military to proceed cautiously. He said the probe should be conducted in a credible and fair

"They are not sure of the extent of the dis-gruntlement down there," said the former Armed Forces chief of staff who now heads the Senate defense committee.

### Military court

Corrections

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Ermita said Lim had no choice but to "face up to the situation" through the military jus-

tice system. "It's just too bad for him because he even told the NBI (National Bureau of Investigation) that he had nothing to do with it," said Ermita. "I'm sure (they will think

**ALBANO** 

IN THE JULY 5 ISSUE, a wrong photo (left) accompanied the story-"Burial day of Albano declared town holi-

day"-on Page A16 of the Across the Nation section. The man shown on the pho-

to is Benjamin Olalia Sr.-pot the late

IN THE SAME ISSUE, the caption of a

front-page photo of Jose Ma. Sison mis-

spelled the name of the airport in Ams-

terdam. The correct spelling of the air-

Mayor Delfinito Albano (right).

twice now) especially in their position where we can clearly see the evidence against them."

in a statement, Press Secretary Ignacio Burrye said: "We sympathize with General Lim in that he was apparently used by selfserving politicians then abandoned by the

roadside. Bunye said the government had a duty to insulate the Armed Forces by ensuring that military justice take its course. "We cannot allow the Armed Forces to be exploited by power-hangry politicians to the detriment of the

chain of command." He said that the videotape "seals the truth" on the failed putsch. "It clearly marks a conspiracy that had to be dismantled which President Arroyo aptly did at that time," Bunye

### Won't be pressured

But Gen. Generoso Senga, Armed Forces chief of staff, said that the military would not be rushed into ordering an immediate court-

martial for Lim and his men. The airing of the Lim video on ANC television on Monday night was followed by a leak to a newspaper-later denied officially-that a military panel had recommended courtmartial proceedings against Lim, 37 other of-

ficers and 27 soldiers. Asked if he was being forced to act on the Lim case, Senga replied, "I do not think so. I'm not pressured by anything ... My instruction was to see to it that the investigation is conducted properly, that everybody is given a chance to air their side. The expeditious conclusion of this investigation is secondary only to doing it properly."

Quick probe Senga said the public should be "a little more patient" with the fact-finding panel, led by Rear Adm. Rufino Lopez Jr., the Armed Porces inspector general.

He acknowledged that Malacahang wanted the investigation to be completed soon.

"The President just said, let justice be done and apply the law to the fullest extent," he

On the other hand, Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, the Army chief, expressed eagerness to start the court-martial against Lim and his

"We will not preempt the results of the fact-finding investigation but I understand the report will be coming out in a week or two," Esperon said. "I would imagine that it the general court-martial will be convened within July then the trial can start in July o:

August." Esperon, seen as a leading candidate to be-come AFP chief of staff when Senga retires on Juby 21, said that if it was found that the video was a prime facie evidence against Lim, he would put him immediately under detention. Lim currently

is confined to his Fort Bonifacio quarters. "Who is he to judge the President to be a bogus president?" Esperon said.

Yesterday, the NBI issued a subpoena on Lim to appear in an inquiry on Friday on the video. Also summoned was Col. Januario Caringal, who is allegedly standing behind Lim in the footage. With reports from Dona Z. Passibugan, TJ Burgonio and Margaux C.

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#### UP ALUMNI AWARDEE

Ambassador Lauro Baja Jr., the Philippines' Permanent Representative to the United Nations, shown here presiding over the UN Security Council when it was the Philippines' turn to head the council, has recently been conferred the Special Presidential Award of the University of the Philippines Akumni Association for his "exemplary and distinguished 43-year record in the diplomatic service and his impact on the socio-economic, political and cultural life of the nation." The award was presented by Jaime 5. de los Santos, UPAA president, and Dr. Emerlinda R. Roman, UP president. Photo shows Baja with UN Secretary General Koli Annan presiding over the Security Council during the Philippines' 2004-2005 term at the helm of the powerful UN body.

### Absentee voting registration a disappointment for Comelec

#### By Jerome Aning

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS yesterday expressed disappointment over the ongoing registration for overseas absentre voters-with only about 76,000 registered, short of the agency's one million target before the Aug. 31 deadline.

Commissioner Florentino Tuason Jr. said 70 percent of the new voters were departing overseas Filipino workers who registered in booths at the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

While the two booths generate 400 to 500 registrants every day, the situation is different in the Philippine embassies, consulates and overseas la-

"Unfortunately, the turnout of registrants abroad is a bit slow because of certain factors," Tuason, head of the Comelec Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting, told reporters.

Chief among these, he said, is the distance in Europe and Africa, where

applicants have to travel to another country that has a Philippine embassy or consulate to register.

Tuason also said resident immigrants and those with double citizenships, especially those in the United States, were also hesitant to register because of the requirement that they have to sign an affidavit that they would return to the Philippines within two years.

The attitude and perception of Filipinos residing and working abroad were also hampering the registration efforts, according to Tuason.

"There has been greater interest for the OAV in many Filipino communities but in others, there is apathy and uncertainty," he said.

Tuason and other Comelec officials have toured or will be touring Filipino communities abroad to help. boost interest for the OAV.

Jun Molina, a staff at the COAV of-

So far, he said, Filipino domestics in Hong Kong are the biggest number of new voters, with over 35,000 registering in the past months.

A concern of the COAY Molina said, are the Filipino seafarers, many of whom do not want to register anymore on the wrong belief that they would not be able to vote since there they would be moving from one port to another.

Molina said new regulations approved by the Comelec last year allowed seamen to cast their votes-either in person or by mail-in any port of call where there is a voting center.

In next year's midterm elections, scafarers would be given 60 days (March 16-May 14) and land-based overseas Filipinos 30 days (April 15-May 14) to cast their vote.

The registration for overseas absentee voters began Oct. 30, 2005 and ends Aug. 31 this year.

Under the law, absentee voters may

### Coast Guard to clear bay of sulfuric acid

THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD IS TAKING CARE of the cleanup of the more than one thousand tons of sulfuric acid that is threatening to spill into the Batangas Bay after a barge sank in late June.

Antonio Principe, regional environmental director for southern Tagalog, told reporters the clean up operations is expected to start either today or tomorrow.

Principe said the PCG has hired Hideya Waste Management Corp. to conduct the

cleanup of the bay.

He said the British insurance firm that covers the sunken Billy Star barge will spend for the clean-up costs.

He said the salvage operations would involve the pansfer of the sulfuric acid from the four "bullet tanks" of Billy Star to another vessel where the chemical will be neutralized. The neutralized acid would then be disposed 25 nautical miles southeast of Lubang Island. Norman Bordadora









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### SMC union: New labor secretary anti-labor

### By Jerome Aning

WORKERS FROM food and beverage conglomerate San Miguel Corp. yesterday expressed their opposition to the appointment of Arturo Brion as new labor secretary, saying he made life difficult for them when he served as one of SMC's corporate counsels.

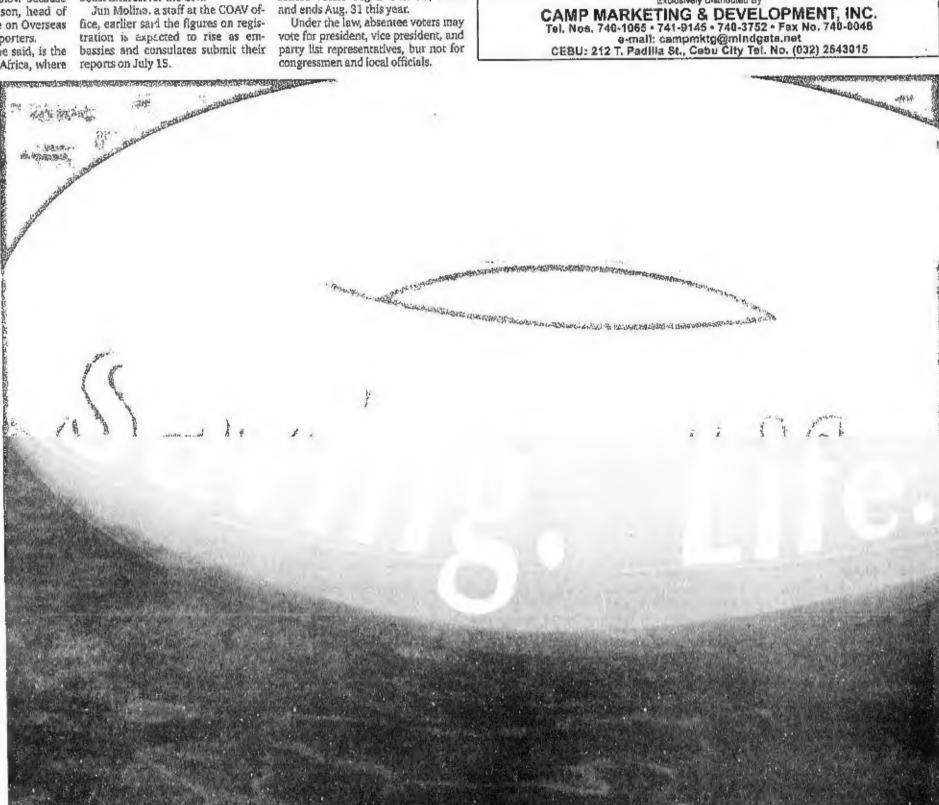
The Haw at Buklod ng mga Manggagawa sa San Miguel Corporation, in a statement, alleged that showed a Brion "strongly anti-union" bias in 1994 when he was an associate of the Siguion-Reyna and Montecillo Ongsiangko law firm, handled SMC's legal affairs.

### Freezing of funds

Yolito Fadriquelan, IBM-SMC secretary general recalled that Brion worked to freeze union funds, particularly the special assessment fee intended for unionrelated activities and other services for SMC workers.

The union fought hard for a couple of years before it was able to recover control over the funds.

Brion "reared сотралу unions and yellow labor leaders that easily compromised to corporate interests" when he was at SMC, Fadriquelan added.



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# Lim backers dared: Come out, be proud

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they encouraged Lim. What they dld is patriotic. Why should not the military break the chain of command when this government is very crooked?" Señeres said.

Señeres claimed Lim has many other supporters beyond the 38 officers and 27 enlisted personnel implicated in the supposed Feb. 24 plot,

"My point is, all the backers of General Lim should now come out in the open," he said, adding they should stop issuing denials.

They cannot fight evil under cover of darkness," he insisted.

#### 'We're too many'

"If (the President) wants to put us in jail, let her try but she can't do it because we're too many," Señeres said.

Orbos and De Villa have denied involvement in the alleged plot. The INQUIRER has been unable to reach Cojuangco, Cruz and Zobel for comment.

The Lim video is widely believed to have been prepared for broadcast on Feb. 24 as part of an alleged plot to oust the 59-year-old President that was aborted and prompted the declaration of a weeklong state of national emergency.

The footage had never been shown until ANC got hold of it. It was aired amid a renewed opposition effort to oust Ms Arroyo. Four impeachment complaints were lodged last week against the President, reviving charges she stole the May 2004 elections, among other alleged culpable violations of the Constitution.

Malacahang denies it gave the video to ANC although Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez has admitted it has a copy of the television footage and a transcript of the statement read by Lim provided by the National Bureau of In-

Palace officials said ABC-S did the footage. ABC-5 denies this.

### **ABC-5** television

Señeres told the Inquirer that the video was pre-taped by the



LIM reportedly talked to junior officers not to assault Palace.



SENERES: I feet bad for Lim bocause he has been luft on his own.



DE YILLA turns down leadership role in transition council.



ORBOS: I don't have the stature for soldiers to listen to mo.

### **What Went Before**

A CONTROVERSIAL TIME MAGAzine article retates how longtime Arroyo critic Pastor "Boy" Saycon allegedly phoned a man codenamed Delta on Feb. 23 to ask him about the supposed plan against the President. The man, later identifled as Brig. Gen. Danlio Lim, reportedly replied that it was "all systems go" for the planned march the following morning toward the Edsa Shrine, where protesters from the military and Church would converge.

According to Matacarlang, Lim and Marine brigade commander Col. Artel Querubin informed Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen.

knowledge. When the plot failed,

Cojuangco was literally left hold-

tried to suppress the tape. He

thought it won't come out any-

more so we were all surprised it

came out. But maybe a technician

got a copy and sold it to

1 know for a fact (Cojuangeo)

ing the tape, he said.

Generoso Senga on Feb. 23 that young officers and soldiers planned to join railles on the 24th, where a Marine general allegedly planned to withdraw support from the Arroyo administration. The two officers reportedly hinted they might join the protesters. Senga discussed the issue with

the commanding generals of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Um and Querubin were supposedly advised to stop soldiers from joining the railies, but they allegedly seemed unwilling to do so. Senga then relieved Lim of his post as commander of the Army's elite Scout Rangers, and announced his arrest

ally meet with Cojuangco but in-

sisted, "I know for a fact he's part

of it. He arranged the pre-taped

According to a military

fact-finding report on the failed

Feb. 24 plot, Lim had named Or-

bos and De Villa as leaders of the

"transition council" that would

take over government upon Ms

video of Lim."

the following morning. Malacañang later presented a

documentary saying Lim and Querubin had connived with communists and the Magdalo group to overthrow the Arroyo administration. Lith denied this on March 8, his first public appearance after the

In the same month, the Philippine Army recommended courtmartial proceedings against Lim and 19 other Army officers, after investigating 59 officers and 37 enlisted personnel. Others not included in the recommendation could still face administrative or oriminal charges at the Army level,

"Orbon is denying it. He should

unlike a coup d'etat, a withdraw-

al of support from the Comman-

There is no crime committed.

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der in Chief is not a crime,

No crime committed

said Army spokesperson Lt. Cot. Bartolome Bacarro.

Senga ordered an ad hoc inquiry body headed by Inspector General Rear Admiral Ruffino Lopez to see if Lim and other officers could be charged before a court-martial.

Lim is restricted to Fort Bonifaclo, while the inquiry body is finalizing its decision.

Um had been involved in a previous attempt to oust a President. As Army captain, he participated in the falled December 1989 coup against then President Corazon Aguino, Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research

military laws," he said.

If it were so, he said, Environnot be afraid," said Sefieres, a lawyer who has maintained that ment Secretary Angelo Reyes and former President Fidel Ramos would have been penalized for what they had done while in active service.

As AFP chief of staff, Reyes withdrew support from then President Joseph Estrada that led to his ouster in 2001.

Ramos, then deputy AFP chief of staff, joined then Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile In defecting from the Ferdinand Marcos regime and ignited Ed-

Sefferes said Orbos and De Villa had been asked by disgruntled military units to be part of the transition government.

"I know for a fact Orbos was offered a part in the transition council. I endorsed Orbos to head the transition council. I did not endorse De Villa because of his leadership style. He is "teka-teka" [literally meaning, wait]," he

Señeres said he was offered the foreign affairs or labor post, but he flatly rejected this, saying he was finished with government posts.

Señeres was a former ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. He was named by Estrada as chair of the National Labor Relations Commission, a post he gave up last year.

#### Go-between

Señeres named former journalist Cecilio Arilio as Orbos' "go-between" to Lim and Sen. Panfilo Lacson, who was reportedly offered a place in the transition council.

In a statement, Lacson said: "My name was just placed there and I definitely had no knowledge until now, much less permission to be included in the coun-

Señeres said Arillo had offered him "the post of foreign secretary or labor, which I declined."

"But I consented to be part of the effort to oust the spurious president," Sefieres said.

"Also RE Cruz Jr. and Inigo Zobel. They're part of the withdrawal of support (plot). I had a meeting with them in the mansion of RE Cruz In Forbes Park. We watched (Ms Arroyo's) Tim sorry'," he said, referring to the President's televised speech on June 25, 2005, on the "Helio Gard"

"I'm naming names now ... Why won't they come out in the open?" Señeres insisted.

#### ABS-CBN," Sefieres said. crime under our laws, even under ABC-5 staff with Cojuangeo's He admirted he did not person-Civilian leaders stopped soldiers from attacking Palace

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Also by that time, the civilians' nonviolent option had prevailed.

A rebel junior officer who used the alias Caprain Batingaw, in an interview with Arnold Clavic of GMA 7, said while the rebel soldiers had no hand in the recent space of bombings, they had not dropped the plan to hit Mala-

"If we were to move, we won't do such a thing," said the officer, referring to the bombings.

"We would strike right in the heart of the Palace, Right there. We will be there in (a) swift, fast and lightning strike," he said in the interview, a transcript of which was furnished the Inquir-

in the planned assaults, rebel soldiers from the Scout Rangers and the Marines were to take the front line. Capt. Ruben Guinolbay was to lead the Scout Rangers; Lt. Col. Alex Balutan the Marines.

Civilian leaders, however, disagreed with the planned assault, preferring that Ms Arroyo's removal be carried out without violence and with a semblance of constitutionality. Following negodations, the Palace assault was abandoned.

### Santiago's charge

In October last year, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago ragged President Corazon Aquino and Senate President Franklin Drilon in a supposed plot that would entail "physically removing" Ms Arroyo from Malacahang.

"I was surprised," Ms Aquino said at that time. "All I can say about Miriam is that she has a very wild imagination. My God! Me, of all people? I was a victim of seven coup attempts and I've never believed in violence."

Just as the military rebels planned to bring about Ms Arroyo's downfall with firepower, civilian leaders went around trying to unite the different factions that wanted the President ousted but had different motives for doing so.

A staff member of a senator who was approached by one of the leaders said it was Oscar Orbos, former executive secretary

and currently a TV host, who served as the "workhorse" in efforts to put together a united civilian front in the anti-Arroyo

### 'Why listen to us?'

"He was the one going around talking to the camps of otherent people," said the senator's staffer. Orbos went around the camps of ousted President Joseph Estra-

da and Ms Aquino. But Orbos, in a phone inter-

view, denied his involvement. "I don't have the way, I don't have the organization, I don't have the stature for soldiers to listen to me. Why would a colonel listen to me," said Orbos.

### The Orbos plan

But the source said Orbos had different types of sales pitch for Estrada and Ms Aquino.

To the Aquino camp, the sources said, Orbos dangled the possible leadership of Drilon in a transition council upon the removal of Ms Arroyo. This appealed to Ms Aquino because, the sources said, it adhered to the 1987 Constitution, Drilon then being third in the line of succession to the presidency in the

event of a vacancy. To the Estrada camp, Orbos raised the possibility of the former President, who was ousted on charges of large-scale gambling bribery and corruption, heading the transition council.

Orbos' middle man for Estrada was former Sen. Vicente Sotto III.

"Erap's men entertained ideas of going out into the streets and chanting Brap, Erap in the hope of their leader becoming president again," said one source close to Estrada.

The aborted assault that was set on Feb. 13 and reset on Feb. 19 was to be carried out in the early morning of Peb. 24, hours before celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the Edsa People Power Revolution got under way.

### Bioodless alternative

Malacañang had been alerted to the plan, the sources said, pointing out the container vans and the heavy fortification around Malacahang in the early

morning of Feb. 24. By that time, leaders of the rebel soldiers also had agreed to the bloodless alternative proposed on Peb. 23 by the key civil-

ian architects of the plot. That alternative was the withdrawal of support from Ms Ar- or to those dates, he hosted a royo by officers and men of the Scout Rangers, the Marines and the Special Action Force of the Philippine National Police who would then join an opposition protest march and rally.

The change surprised junior officers, the sources said. They complained that an agreement for a 72-hour notice for any change in plans was not honared.

The sources said Brig. Gen. Denilo Lim and Col. Ariel Querubin prevailed upon the junior officers, led by Guinolbay and Balutan, to abandon the planned as-

Querubin salked the junior rebel officers our of the plan on Feb. 13. Lim did the same on Feb.

### Most elaborate piot

The Feb. 19 plan was the most

elaborate, said one source. The plotters wanted to bring in Lt. Gen. Abner Cabalquinto, head of the National Capital Region Defense Command, and Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan, whose role would be simply not to move or order his troops to defend Ms Ar-

Cabalquinto had expressed hesitance because he was to retire soon, said one military

Palparan told Inquines correspondent Tonette Orejas that he would never be involved in any plot that also involved the com-

The sources, however, said Cabalquinto and Palparan had a common line when they were approached by the plotters-talk to The Feb. 19 operation, accord-

ing to a military officer, included a plan for rebel soldiers and officers to take into custody Maj. Geo. Telenting of the Northern Luzon Command, reputedly fiercely loyal to Ms Arroyo.

At least two Air Force pilots

were recruited, along with several ground troops of the special operations wing of the Philippine

#### Air Force. Assault a 'big risk'

An officer close to Lim said primeeting inside Fort Bonifacio, the Army headquarters, for Lim and a group of junior officers who wanted to move on Malacañang.

At one point, Lim, according to the officer, advised the junior officers to "make sure you win."

"I have nothing against what you plan, but you must make sure of victory," the officer quoted Lim as telling the junior officers in the Fort Bonifacio meeting.

But as antiviolence civilian leaders started to win more support from the military component of the plot, Lim had a change of heart, according to the officer.

In another meeting also in a house in Fort Bonifacio, Lim shouted in anger at the junior officers and told them their plan was a "big risk."

But whether the plot to oust Ms Arroyo started with a bang or climaxed in the march of armed Marines, Scout Rangers and SAF men on Ayala, its civilian and military architects were apparently already prepared for victory.

### Transition council

A paper reportedly prepared by Orbos discussed extensively the use of a civilian transition council (CTC) that would take over from Ms Arroyo. A group, called the Solidarity Movement to Save the Republic, would drum up public support for the council. It made no mention of the plan

to assault Malacañang but said "although unlikely at this time, a military junta ... cannot be discounted if the political crisis extends and the economic situation worsens." These measures, however, are

very dangerous and should, as much as possible, be avoided," the paper said. The paper said a CTC was the

best option in a vacuum.

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"The CTC will function much like a caretaker government, or a board of directors in a corpora-

tion," it said.

Some of the steps that the council wanted to take were not new -- like dealing with prices of commodities, conserving energy, streamlining of the bureaucracy, drafting of a new constitution, but through a constitutional com-

Two new initiatives that the council wanted to take were the issuance of national IDs to help in the war on terror and a logging ban for three to five years to deal with environmental concerns.

An organizational chart also prepared by leaders of the plot showed the council having coequal bodies named consultative council and an advisory board to be composed of past presidents

and "other eminent persons." Directly below the main council is the executive secretary and below them are Cabinet members and local governments, according to the organizational chart.

The main council composition, according to the flow chart, would be made of politicians, youth leaders, civil society, members of the academe, business leaders, "general public," representatives from the Visayas and

Its chair would serve as head of state and commander in chief.

The chart also revealed plans to merge the departments of publie works and highways and transportation.

### 'Post-GMA scenarios'

Orbos denied he authored any paper detailing the functions of the transition council but said he had seen other similar papers that discussed "post-GMA scenar-

"People want to discuss this academically," he said, "People should talk about it because we have to find a solution. Even Gloria (Ms Arroyo) should look for a way out of this."

But the plot unraveled and led to Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga taking Lim into custody.

The pinned march of soldiers and officers who were to declare their withdrawal of support for Ms Arroyo on Ayala Avenue was

Its architects did not lose hope,

In the morning of Feb. 26, a Sunday, a meeting of those involved in the plan, including Orbos, took place.

### Marine standoff

Following that meeting, a bettalion of Marines drove in their tanks and armored personnel carriers to their headquarters, led by Querubin and another Marine colonel, starting a standoff that would last into the night.

The standoff ended in a dialogue among Marine officers and the griping Marines, who had rushed to their headquarters over the relief of their commander, returned to barracks.

Ms Aquino tried to enter the Marine headquarters on what she said was a mission of prayer but was blocked on her way.

A position was offered to Sengo in the council. Some sources said it was the chairmanship of the transition council, but later other sources would say that it was to lead a body that would be called National Compliance Com-

Its sole purpose was to be the watchdog of the main council and monitor its decisions and actions and make sure they do not stray from the policies that were outlined in the paper that was prepared by Orbos and agreed upon by other leaders of the plot.

### Contacts with communists

As the civilian and military leaders of the plan discussed how to oust Ms Arroyo and run government after that, another leader went around town establishing contact with rop leaders of the Communist Party of the Philip-

Former Sen, Gregorio Honasan had reportedly made contact with top communist leaders, but it remained unclear what the communists' role would be in the

One source said the guerrillas would be tapped for their skills in mobilizing people in rallies.

"But it was a failed plot because the methods that these peopie wanted were contradicting each other," said one source.

# RP paying whopping price for dirty water

By Christian V. Esquerra

HOW MUCH DOES DIRTY WAter cost for Filipinos every

it's P3.3 billion in the health sector, P17 billion in the fishing industry, and another 247 billion in tourism, according to the World Bank Group study titled Philippines: Meeting Infrastructure Challenges."

The whopping cost, among several other reasons, have prompted key government agencies and other stakeholders to organize the first Philippine Sanitation Summit, a comprehensive effort to once and for all address the issue of clean water in the country.

In a four-page declaration, participants admitted that "progress in sanitation and wastewater management and improvements in outcomes have not been apparent," considering that the country was already halfway into the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

#### Long way to go

Among the targets was to "halve by 2015 the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation."

The Philippines still has a long way to go.

During the summit, Rep. Augusto Baculio, author of the Clean Water Act, noted that only seven percent of Filipino households had sewage treatment. He said the statistics ranks the Philippines third among the worst performers on this category in Asia.

Bangladesh and Sri Lanka fare better with 30 percent, and Cambodia with 40 percent, he said.

"It's about time that we stop simply talking (about the problem) and start doing something about it," he said in his speech.

The World Bank study noted that access to safe drinking water "deteriorated" from 81.4 percent in 1999 to 80 percent in 2002.

Among those falling under the lowest 40 percent of the population in terms of income, access was also down from 71.5 percent to 70.2 percent during the same period, according to the study.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III yesterday said the problem with dirty water ultimately jeopardized public health.

"A lot of the problems today are really an offshoot of poor sanitation and hygiene," he said in a press conference.

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In a statement, Suansing said the Port of Manila now accounted for 36 percent of the revenues of the entire Bureau of Customs. The remaining 64 percent of the revenues are collected by the bureau's 13 districts nationwide.

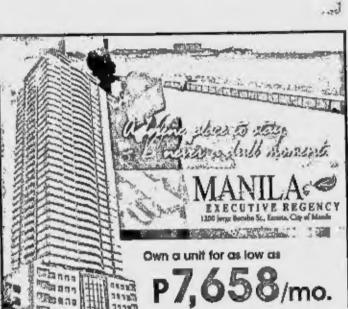
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One solution, the Clean Water Act of 2004, called for sewage treatment or septage management in five years, according to Baculio. But the World Bank noted that the implementation required around P35 billion in annual additional expenditures.

In the summit declaration, participants committed to "renew efforts to reach those at the margins of service and those who remain without access to hygiene and sanitation services."

#### Declaration

They also promised to accelerate the implementation of the Clean Water Act while developing and financing a National Sewerage and Septage Management Program around the country.

The pioneering declaration was signed by the Departments of Health, Environment and Natural Resources, Education, Public Works and Highways, Interior and Local Government, and the congressional committees on ecology and environment.

It also included commitments from the National Economic and Development Authority, Local Water Utilities Administration, Menopolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, and the National Water Resources Board.

In the issue of waste water management, Bacullo said much of the problem lay with establishments with no existing treatment facilities or even a septic tank.

He said those built after the "At the end of the day when you Clean Water Act took effect have

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### 'Mark' cigarettes didn't violate copyrights - SC

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE SUPREME COURT HAS ruled that Lucio Tan's Fortune Tobacco did not infringe on the copyright of three foreign companies when it manufactured and sold "Mark" cigarettes.

In a June 27 decision, the Supreme Court said the registered trademarks "Mark VII," "Mark Ten" and "Lark" of Philip Morris Inc., Benson and Hedges Inc. and Pabriques de Tabac Reunies (now known as Philip Morris Products S.A.) were not similar enough to Portune Tobacco's "Mark" to create confusion.

The urbunal also said the three cigarette companies failed to support their claim that their trademarks had acquired goodwill in the Philippines that would entitle them to protection even without actual use in the country under the Paris Convention.

Likewise, it also said the companies did not show that they had used their trademark in the Philippines before Fortune Tobacco began using "Mark."

"For lack of convincing proof on the part of peritioners of actual use of their registered trademark prior to respondent's use of its mark and for petitioners' failure to demonstrate confusing similarity between said trademarks, the dismissal of their basic complaint for infringement and the concomitant plea for damages must be affirmed," the Supreme Court said in its decision upholding earlier rulings of the Court of Appeals and the Pasix regional trial court.

The Supreme Court said that even if the foreign companies registered their trademark, they should show that they had actually used it in the Philippines.

It said registration alone does not give the registrant absolute right to the trademark and that not using the trademark counters the presumption of trademark ownership, "as what happened here when pedtioners no less admitted not doing business in the country."

"Most importantly, we stress that registration in the Philippines of trademarks does not ipso facto convey an absolute right or exclusive ownership thereof," the Supreme Court said. "Trademark is a creation of use and, therefore, actual use is prerequisite to exclusive ownership."

There was also no "likelihood of confusion" of Fortune Tobacco's "Mark" with the three foreign companies' "Mark VII, "Mark Ten" and "Lark," according to the high cribunal.

The striking dissimilarities are significant enough to warn any purchaser that one is different from the other," it said.

The Supreme Court also said it was unlikely for the public to be confused into thinking thee "Mark" cigarestes were the products of Philip Morris Inc., Benson and Hedges Inc. and Pubriques de l'abac Reunies.

"And lest it be overlooked, no actual commercial use of petitioners' marks in local commerce was proven. There can thus be no occasion for the public in this country, unfamiliar in the first place with peritioners' marks, to be confused," it said.



JOELLE'S COMPLAINT is displayed by lawyer Dennis Cuna before he and his client, Joelle Pelaez, filed it against several persons, including for President Joseph Estrada, at the Pasig City prosecutor's office.

# Frap says Joelle used by Chavit, Malacañang

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Nelson F. Flores

MALACAÑANG AND ITS ALLIES LED BY ILOcos Sur Gov, Luis "Chavit" Singson are using former beauty queen Joelle Pelaez to harass deposed President Joseph Estrada because the Special Prosecutor failed to prove the criminal charges against him, according to a lawyer of Estrada.

Pelaez, an American citizen, in accusing Estrada and eight others of laundering P2.07 billion worth of stocks and other debt instruments using her name without her knowledge.

She filed yesterday falsification charges against top officials of the United Cocomst Planters Bank (UCPB) at the Pasig City Prosecutor's Office. Pelaez, 29, said she would just file charges against Estrada this afternoon in Malauti.

In a statement, Rufus Rodriguez, a member of the Estrada defense panei, said Malacafiang was desperate because Ms Arroyo's power grab will be discussed again as a result of the new impeachment cases filed against her in the House of Representatives.

But Malacatiang said it had no hand in the case filed by Pelaez against Estrada. "Its mere speculation..., but I don't see why we should involve Malacatiang," Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said.

### Desperate

Rodriguez said Singson was even more desperate because once Estrada was acquitted by the Sandiganbayan Special Division of plunder and perjury charges, Singson would take his client's place in prison.

The lawyer said the defense team would work for the lifting of Singson's immunity from criminal suit. Singson, in exchange for his testimony against Estrada, was given immunity from suit for his alleged illegal use of public funds from the tobacco excise tax.

Rodriguez expressed sadness that Pelaez was allowing Malacañang and Singson to manipulate her, using a rehashed money laundering "script," which was earlier utilized by her mother Blanquita against Estrada.

Rodriguez said libel cases would be filed against Pelaez, her mother and several others, including a female reporter.

At the Pasig City Prosecutor's Office, Pelaez told reporters that Singson, who had accused Estrada of accepting gambling money, was not behind her complaint.

"I have nothing to do with Chavit Singson. I just want justice to be served," Pelaez sald. Singson was beside Pelaez in some of her

television interviews the other afternoon.

UCPB president

Pelaez filed falsification charges against

UCPB president Lorenzo Tan and vice president Rafael Bueno Jr. and several others "for conspiring and confederating together in forging my signature" in at least 15 vouchers and checks worth P2.5 billion.

But in statements released to the media, the UCPB denied the allegations and said Pelacz was the one who still owed the bank.

"I was used," said Pelaez, who claimed Estrada had tried to win her by showering her with expensive gifts years ago.

In her complaint, Pelaez alleged that in 2000, San Miguel Corp. executive Ramon Ang offered her a dealership contract, upon Estrada's instructions. Pelaez said she met Estrada in a party at the Renaissance Tower in Ortigas Center in December 1998.

To start her dealership, company officials asked her to loan some capital from the UCPB. Later, she opened an account at the bank. But the dealership never materialized. With reports from Christine O. Avendaño

Jamby says she act

By Nilder Dizon

OPPOSITION SENATOR JAMBY MADRIGAL yesterday said she represented the Philippine Senate in her meeting with top officials of the National Democratic Front (NDF) in The Netherlands last week.

"Ginagawa to long any translutin bilang senador ng Pilipinas () am just doing my job as Senator of the Philippines)," Madrigal told reporters upon her arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) from her trip to Europe.

Madrigal arrived at the Naia at around 4:30 p.m. via Carbay Pacific Alzways flight CX 919.

"I represented the Philippine Senate," Madrigal replied, when asked for her comment on the Palace statement that she was not authorized to represent the government in her meeting with the NDF leaders in The Netherlands.

Madrigal initially declined to talk to reporters, saying she will hold a press conference unday at 10:30 a.m. at the Imperial Palace Suites in Quezon City.

But she did give a few, short answers to reporters' questions as, surrounded by three security staff, she made her way to the ramp area where her vehicle was parked.

Her Ford Expedition bore two "Gloria Resign, No to Cha-Cha" bumper stickers.

Asked about her meeting with NDF consultant Jose Ma. Sison, the senator replied: "Very well. It was all for the Pilipino people."

Malacafiang has criticized Madrigal for signing a Joint communique with NDF leaders, Shon and Luis Jalandonl, which urged the government to resume the stalled peace talks with communist rebels.

"She (Madrigai) doesn't represent the government," Jesus Duteza, presidential adviser on the peace process, said in a press conference held at the Naia yester-

But Sen. Ro Madrigal's state the NDF leads

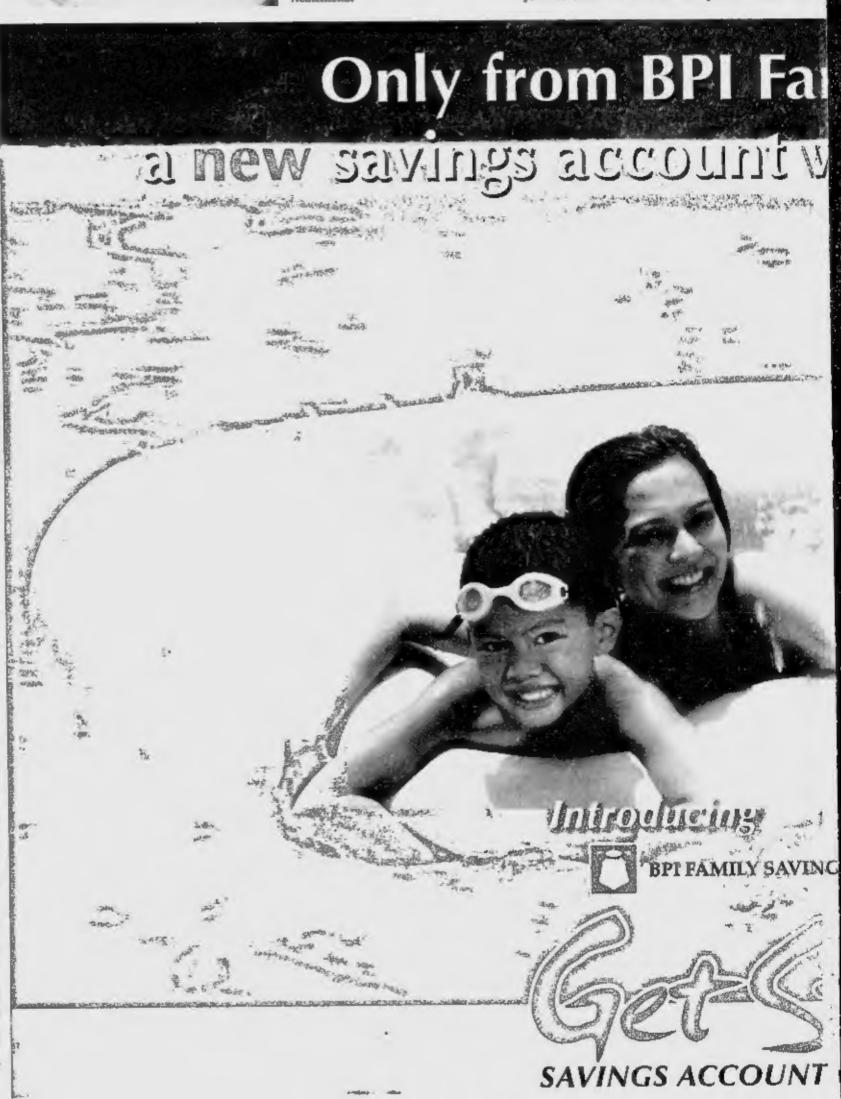
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ked to comment on Madrigal's she represented the Senate In the NDE the senator said: "I You: ask Senate President

Franklin Drilon."

Drilon, however, denied Madrigal was representing the Senate. "That's not true. She was not representing the Senate. She did it on her own. What she did was not binding on the

But Orilon said that there was no reason for the Senate to censure Madrigal.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the government should not be too paranoid about Madrigal's meeting with the NDF leaders, saying she was moti-vated by "her desire to help in the search for a lasting solution" to the 37-year insur-

Pimentel said there was nothing improper or criminal about Madrigal's meeting with Sison and Jalandoni, adding that threats to file charges against her smacked of the administration's "penchant for witch-hunting its political foes in its obsession to mill criticisms."

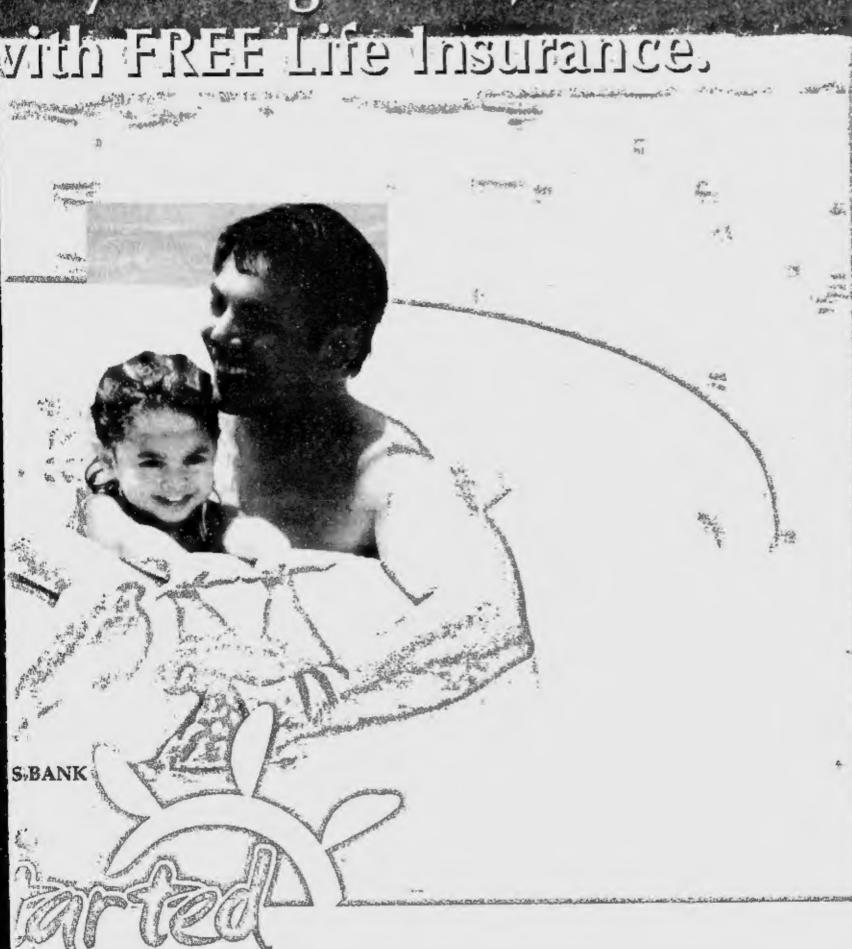
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# impeachment drive vs GMA

### By Michael Lim Ubac

GROUPS IDENTIfied with Sen, Panfilo Lacson and former Sen. Gregorio Honasan yesterday joined the impeachment drive against President Macapagal-Arroyo, saying all they were after were truth and justice.



HONASAN

Lacson's Be Not Afraid Movement Guardian International Brotherhood Federation Inc. led 11 anti-Arroyo groups in joining the growing list of complainants against the President.

Supporters of deposed President Joseph Estrada, led by the so-called "Erap 5" who were abducted and tortured by military intelligence agents in May, made a similar move on Tuesday.

The signatures of this week's complainants, along with those to be gathered in the next three weeks, will be attached to the fifth impeachment case set to be filed on July 24, when Congress opens.

The soon-to-be-filed case will cite grounds similar to those cited in the four impeachment cases filed last week by more than 200 concerned citizens, including former Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., Caloocan Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez, Pr. Rolly de Leon, and human rights activists.

### Bringing back honor

The Be Not Afraid Movement was founded in June 2005 at the outbreak of the "Hello Garci" wiretapping scandal.

Its chair, Ramon Pedrosa, said he signed the impeachment case "as a first stop in a long process that we hope would bring honor, sanse of duty, and patriotism back to our country."

"Every constitutional institution that we have respected all these years have been prostituted by this administration-from the administration of justice to the collection of taxes, name it," he

Pedrosa, also the founding chair of the ant-Marcos August 21 Movement, expressed the belief that the country would not move forward without "truth and justice."

He drew attention to the "sense of frustration and of protest and anger" purportedly prevalent among 97 percent of the population, "as against the three percent of the so-called silent majority that would not want to rock the bost because they (are) comfortable in their

Referring to the alleged cheating in the 2004 presidential polls, Pedrosa said the Arroyo administration was "a failure because the [electoral] process that brought it forward was itself a grand fail-

### 'We want the truth'

The Guardian International led by former Pagsanjan Mayor Abner Afuang said impeachment proponents were only after the truth.

"We are just passing by. We will all die, so we just want the truth," Afuang said.

Both Pedrosa and Afuang dissociated themselves from Lacson or Honesen, saying their groups' joining the impeachment drive against Ms Arroyo had not been sanctioned by the two opposition stal-

Afuang said his group's loyalty was to the Constitution and not to any sitting President.

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### Shocks

HAIRMAN BENJAMIN ABALOS OF THE COMMISsion on Elections seems to take everyone for a fool. Reacting to reports that the Office of the Ombudsman was recommending the impeachment of Election Commissioner Resurreccion Borra and the dismissal of all the members of the Bids and Awards Committee, Abalos declared that everything about the P1.3-billion contract

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with Mega Pacific was aboveboard. "No graft and corruption attended the process," he said Sunday. "I am very

shocked with the recommendation to impeach Commissioner Borra. I am doubly shocked that they want to to include me."

The public is also shocked-by how Abalos can say such things with a straight face. Because if he speaks the truth, Abalos must be one of the very few truthful, honest and just men still around—and the most unfairly maligned. Two of the nation's highest institutions that looked into the transaction-the Supreme Court and the Senate-both concluded that the April 2003 contract for the supply of automated counting machines was tainted with fraud. In a decision handed down in January 2004, the Court said the Comelec officials committed a "glaring, grave abuse of discretion" when they approved the contract. "The Commission on Elections approved the assailed resolution and awarded the contract not only in clear violation of law and jurisprudence, but also in reckless disregard of its own bidding rules." Almost two years later in December 2005, the Senate blue ribbon committee found that the election officials had participated in an "anomalous bidding and procurement" process. It said the deal was "unparalleled in its brazen and unmitigated transgression of the generally accepted norms and standards of public bidding."

If the contract was perfectly legal as Abalos continues to claim, what were the justices and the senators denouncing as fraudulent and illegal? Were they perhaps hallucinating? Or were they just out to get Abalos and company for some mysterious reasons? Abalos should explain quickly because his credibility is eroding, if it isn't

completely gone yet.

But who can blame Abalos for sticking to his tale about an honest deal? Up to this point, he probably feels invulnerable. He and his cohorts have ignored demands for their resignation by both the Senate and the Catholic bishops, and they remain secure in their positions. For over two years, the Ombudsman sat on an order of the Supreme Court to determine the culpability of the officials involved in the deal and tried to question the directive instead. And when it was told to deliver or face a citation for contempt, the Ombudsman hurriedly put together a set of recommendations that left unresolved the culpability of Abalos and other commissioners (with the ex-

ception of Borra), at least for now. With its recommendations, the Ombudsman turned the concept of public accountability on its head. It recommended the dismissal and the filing of graft charges against all members of the Bids and Awards Committee as well as the forfeiture of their retirement benefits and their disqualification from public office. Borra, who was found to have been negligent in studying the committee's recommendations to prevent any irregularity or illegality in the bidding, was held liable for impeachment. As to the involvement of Abalos and the other commissioners -Florentino Tuason and the now retired Luzviminda Tancangco, Rufino Javier, Ralph Lantion and Mehol Sadain-the

Ombudsman said it still has to investigate further. Here we have the government body, tasked with prosecuting cases of graft and corruption, bearing hard on directors and officials of lower rank while washing its hands in the case of Borra and postponing a decision regarding the involvement of the highest Comelec officials for now-and possibly for ever. If the Ombudsman will have its way, it will apply the full force of the law on those who recommended approval of the contract but it will lay its hands off those who signed it. All because of this novel theory being put forward by Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez that officials of constitutional bodies enjoy immunity.

The Supreme Court should take another look at this case. First, to find out whether the Ombudsman's halfbaked recommendations constitute substantial compliance with its order. Second, to see if the Ombudsman is undermining its own case. And third, to determine how it can make a reluctant public official like Gutierrez do her duty.

Between the Court and the Senate on one hand, and Abalos on the other, there's no contest as to whom people believe. But more than knowing the truth, the people want to see justice done.

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IMELDA MARCOS TRIGGERS A CONTROversy and her 77th birthday runs true to form. Has the "Iron Lady," some asked, escaped fraying at the edges, unlike most septuagenarians? Silly question. "Seventy is the sum of our years," the Psalmist writes. "Eighty if we

are strong.

"People say I'm rouched in the head," she told Time magazine in a pre-birthday interview. But the Marcos Foundation would soon unload its billions, the former First Lady said. Til come up with a project that will wipe out poverty here in

So, will she wait for 79 candles on the birthday cake? "Help extended promptly is help doubled." She'd be cheered if she started with her

frontyard-now. In her home province of Leyte, 34 out of every 100 families are dirt poor, says the new National Statistics Coordination Board report. A full third lack clean water. Chronic hunger has resulted in 39 percent of kids, under S, being scrawny and underweight. In hu-man development, Leyte is wedged between

Mongolia and Moldova.

There are today some 23.8 million Filipinos who acrounge below the poverty level of P34 a day, the NSCB report says. Tuberculosis incidence is 458 for every 100,000 Filipinos. It is 135 for Malaysians. Infant mortality is 35 for every

1,000. It is six in Brunei. Our most fractured human right is what many neighboring countries take for granted, namely: the right of our children to celebrate their first

himbdays The poor are to be ushered out of deprivation under the still-to-be-disclosed "project" that imekia talics about. "Talk does not cook rice," a Chinese proverb says.

In contrast, American businessman Warren Buffet turned over \$37 billion, of his \$44 billion fortune, to the Melinda and Bill Gates Poundation. That's equal to the gross domestic product of oil-rich Kewait. It's to support work mainly in health and education.

With one signature, Buffer topped the top 10 giant benefactors: Bill and Melinda Gates Foun-

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I mean I'm all for Manny Pacquiao trying to

pick up another million dollars, which trans-

lates into PS3 million (or beven't you noticed

that the peso has climbed back to P53 to \$1,

something government has been keeping

silent about as enmestly as it crowed about as

getting to PS1 to \$1 some months ago?). Who

wouldn't, particularly if it's easy money? We all

can do with the extra dough, even if some of us

are no longer poor, indeed, even if some of us

can't seem to have enough products to en-

Even the great Muhammad Ali wasn't beyond

it, putting up a string of fights with nobodies, the

better to pocket some loose change in the form of

millions of dollars and showcase his skills with-

out risk of soiling his pretty face. That was after

his spectacular win over the invincible George

Foreman the year before in Zaire, I remember in

perticular his fight with Chuck Wepner in 1975.

Wepner was a passy who rose through the ranks

in the 1960s, fell into obscurity after losing sever-

al fights and racked up a string of wins and went

up again. He got a crack at good money to fight

Ali, but no one expected him to be anything more

hadn't taken the fight seriously, sending him

down on the canvas in the moth. Wepner lost

eventually, the fight being stopped in the 15th

and ruled a technical knockout, but not after

giving the champion a scare. Sylvester Stallone was among those who watched it, which in-

spired him to make "Rocky." The movie did fer

more magnificently than the fight, spawning

reveral sequels. All bimself would go on to rise

again after this, indeed to greater heights with

his bloody encounter with Joe Frazier, called

the "Thrills in Manils," which many consider to

Amonio Barrera a boxing lesson—so complete

was his domination of him-some years back. I

I was "thrill-ahed" when Pacquiao gave Marco

be the greatest boxing match of all time.

He surprised everyone by punishing Ali, who

than meat for the meat grinder.

79 candles



dation, \$28.8 billion; the United Kingdom's Wellcome Trust, \$18.8 billion; Ford Foundation, \$10.6 hillion; J. Paul Gerry Trust, \$9.6 billion; Johnson Poundation, \$8.9 billion, Lilly Endowment, \$8.5 billion; Italy's Fondazione Cariplo, \$8.2 billion; Monte del Pacshi Sienna, \$7.1 billion; Kellog Foundation, \$6.8 billion and Hewlett Foundation, \$6.4 billion.

Never before has the world had so many billionaires. There were 691 of them last year, compared with 432 a decade back, Forbes magazine reports. Among others, they include: Indians Azin Premji and Nandan Delikarii and Russia's Roman Abramovich

A Johns Hopkins University survey shows that the top 10 countries in philanthropy, aside from Japan, are in the West. They set aside amounts ranging from 1.85 percent of the United States' GDP to 0.11 percent of Italy's. Despite its \$73-abarrel oil wealth, an Arab country still has to make that list.

That extra wealth is welcome. Never has had the world so many poor people as it has today. The important thing is to put this largesse to

Increasingly, foundations are using better gauges for impact, as they shed amateurism to ensure impact and break out of dole lines that merely ease today's hunger pains. They seek innovative sustainable ways to raise living standards. The Philippine Business for Social Progress exemplifies this approach. And there is, of course, the insistence on greater transparency.

Irrelda agrees. But the source and size of Buffet's fortune is known. Marcos' wealth remains secret. Buffer signed the check. All Imekla has ladied our are promises.

in fact, philanthropy by overseas Filipino

workers is growing rapidly: over \$218 million today from \$45 million in 1999. They're doing far more than all those shell Marcos foundations-Vibur, Palmy, Spring Blizzard, Lazano, etc.—ever did. "Ang hanap ni Bathala ay di salita kundi gawa" (What God wants is not chatter but deeds), a Filipino proverb says.

So far, every centavo that Filipinos got from the Marcoses was sourcezed through court decisions: from the \$638 million seized from shell foundations abroad to the \$36.4 million of seized Marcos wealth that a decision of the US District Court in Hawaii ordered to be paid to martial law victims

"Religion has always a big part in giving," a new Economist survey on wealth and philanthropy points out. "Christians, Muslims, Jews arid Sikhs all traditionally aim to give away a set proportion of their income."

Historically, this has been a tenth of one's income. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the Lord of hosts," the Book of Malachai reads. "Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessings upon you without measure?"

Skeptics snort that tax breaks for ego-trips means blessing for some. And plenty can still go wrong. Nonetheless, there's more elbow room for those who would share with the more who go

And there is, for some, the nagging sense of mortality. "A funeral hearse has no baggage racks," John D. Rockefeller once said.

The "Millennium Development Goals," signed by over 170 countries—the Philippines included-already spells out what's needed: food, water, schools, reducing infant and maternal mortality, ecological stability. But these goals are difficult in a society where many are obsessed with transporting gold to the grave.

As Chancellor Thomas More told Richard Rich, who betrayed him in exchange for a seedy fieldom: "It profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world, Richard, But for Wales?"

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### Cheap thrills

### THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado

de Quiros Manuel Marquest, but thought to myself, we'll, maybe there's something to be said for decking a guy three times in one round even if you lose the rest of the fight. I felt pain when he lost to Erik Morales the first time around, Morales giving him a boxing lesson in turn. And I felt boundless joy, along with 84 million Filipinos, at his victory over Morales in the remarch, the ecstasy all the sweeter for the previous agony

But Pacquiao-Larios? 1 felt embarrassed, ! felt even more embarrassed by the aftermath.

Like I said, I don't mind that Pacquiao decided to pick up some cash, but I do mind that his fight with Larios would be billed as another "Thrilla in Manila." It was just another "Wasteland in Cleveland" without the surprise Wepner sprung on his audience, quite apart from his opment. I do mind that Pacquiao keeps saying he s dedicating his victory to the Filipino people. If a diva dedicated "My Way" to me during my birthday, I'd feel sore too. I deserve better. She deserves better. A deciding match between Pacquiao and Moraks, that would be another Thrilla in Manila," or whichever "la" it is held. Or a Pacquaio-Marquez rematch: That should put to rest doubts about the epithet, "Mexicun-Destroyer," one way or the other.

It's not just ABS-CBN to blame for making a mountain out of a molehil. Though speaking of mountains, ABS-CBN it was, too, that tried to turn our mountain-climbers' ascest into Mt. Everest into an achievement of epic proportions. I mean, I'm proud of it too, and the accomplishment is epic in the sense that our mountain climbers have done so amid the utter dispossession of support, moral and material, that they've always been heir to. But let's

not squeeze from it more than it can yield. The path to the top of the world is not an unexplored one, it is a beaten one. We thump ourselves in the chest for it, we do not parade ourselves before the world, we embarrass our-

selves before the world. But ABS-CBN aside, what was that parade all over Manila, with Lito Atienza hanging on the coartails, or boxing shorts, of Pacquiao for dear life, all about? What the hell does "Champion for Life," which GMA, who would not be outdone, promptly conferred on Pacquiao, mean? For what? For beating an 11th-ranked journeyman desperately trying to make a buck in the ring and even more desperately eyeing

an alternative career as a karaoke singer? This sound-and-fury does not signify that the Filipino can do, it signifies that the Filipino can make do. It does not signify that the Filipino can make a saga of himself, it signifies that the Filipino can make a spectacle of himself. It does not signify that the Filipino has finally been filled by the spirit of aspiration, it signifies that the Filipino has finally been

felled by the weight of desperation. The last is particularly worth noting. The way we're going about it, we seem to have invented two new responses to life's challenges. Either we set for ourselves servile ambitions, and crow like roosters at the crack of dawn when we have achieved them. That isn't just seen in the way we celebrate Pacquian's victory over Larios, railing ourselves champions. That is seen in the way we celebrate our doctors becoming nurses and invading the hospitals of English, calling ourselves "global." Or from the opposite end, like King Canute or Queen Gloria, we bid the waves to hold still, banishing all obstacles with the wave of the hand, proclaiming, basta lang, we will become an Enchanted Kingdom or Pirst World country in 20 years, proclaiming, basta rin long, that we have more than enough classrooms for the kids; and who is the education secretary to say otherwise?

Cheap thrills. And I'm not so sure they're

wasn't so sure he plucked out a draw from Juan

### **OPINION**

### Jamby was naïve at the very least

SOME SENATORS CONFESS THAT THEY OFTENtimes cannot understand Sen. Jumby Madngal's explanations, as she tends to rely on PowerPoint presentations about abstract ideas that seem to go over their heads. Thus, they often emerge more confused from such sessions. But in the recent controversy over her unauthorized meeting with Jose Ma. Sison and Luis Jalandoni of the National Democratic Front in Utrecht and their signing of a joint communiqué, listing President Macapagal-Arroyo's "sins," including her all-out war against the New People's Army, and calling for her ouster by February 2007, Madrigal has confused the nation as well.

She seems also to be too eager to look politically sophisticated, when in reality she's just naive. She appears too eager to get into the headlines on controversial issues, when the prudent thing for a neophyte, especially one with an elitist back-ground, is to first keep a low profile as she goes through her political education.

Her protagonist, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, has fired a series of questions that she should answer forthrightly. With a tinge of sarcasm, Enrile demanded by what authority she met with the Utrecht-based communist leaders who are considered enemies of the state and terrorists abroad and signed a joint communique with them. Did she represent the republic or the Senate, her political party, her family or her social class or gender? asked Enrile, who sought a Senate investigation.

This act of holding an unauthorized meeting with enemies of the state demands at the very least a summore from the Senate ethics committee On the other hand, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez has said he's fooking into the treason angle, "in case war breaks out with the rebels." Interestingly, however, the Senate, which is usually quick to investigate anything, won't call her to even just explain. Senate President Franklin Drilon has pooh-poohed Madrigal's meeting by saying that many other politicians have sought out the NDF leaders, notably Speaker Jose de Venecia. What he didn't say, however, was that JDV traveled to Utrecht and then Oslo to broker

POLITICAL TIDBITS Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

peace with the NDE with express authority from the Arrayo administration. Since then a number of officials have gone to Utrecht, notably Tarlac Gov. Apeng Yap and former Justice Secretary Silvestre Bello III, for the peace process, but could not move it forward.

Based on reports, Madrigal's self-appointed mission appears to be in tandem with the opposition's goal of ousting GMA by forging a united front with the Left. It has become evident that even ranking opposition politicians can no longer distinguish between what's politically correct and what's not, or even what's seditions and treasonous. It seems they would go for anything so long as it holds promise of ousting GMA. It's a sad commentary on the kind of politicians we have. To think that there are people who still want to keep the Senate.

The recent Supreme Court ruling upholding Malacañang's authority over mining operations in Mt Diwalwal in Compostela Valley virtually affirms the actions taken by former Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez in 2002 to resolve the 20-year-old Diwalwal crisis. President Arraya issued Proclamation 297 on Nov. 25, 2002, declaring the disputed gold rush area as a mineral reservation. It was the first time that a provision of RA 7942, or the Mining Act of 1995, which outlined government's "priority rights" over lands with vast natural resources, was tested.

In 2002, Diwalwal was a hothed of conflict among big- and small-time miners. Things were threatening to get out of hand. Aivarez recommended that a portion of the area be set aside for small-scale miners, and in September

of that year, he awarded 22 service contracts to some 2,000 small miners who organized themselves into cooperatives. This scheme was bailed as the "socia, justice program of GMA in Diwalwal" since it also addressed social equity assues such as the tenure of the small-scale miners, bealth and the deteriorating peace and order situation. The scheme fulfilled the provisions of RA 7076, the People's Small Scale Mining Act, which said that smallscale miners cannot be disiodged from their areas of operation if they have been there prior to 1987

Big miners challenged the formula in the Supreme Court, but in upholding Malacañang's authority over mining operations in Diwalwal, the Court affirmed GMA's and Alvarez's action. It ruled that under the law, the government may, on its own, take over mining operations or enter into an agreement with any qualified entity. It said that "the exercise of this prerogative hes with the Executive Department over which

peace and social justice in Diwalwal was hailed, it became his swan anog. Not long afterwards, the Palace succumbed to vested interests, among him with Garchitorena's candidate, Elisea Gozun, whose husband had worked for a long time with off-limits to trawl fishing.

Alvarez had dreamt of the emergence of a new middle class from the small-miners' reservation Court's recent ruling leaves him quite vindicated about its feasibility. But he also knows that the istime to clamor for the wip-win solution we en-forced in 2002. That must now be enforced."

### World Cup dream

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, MY GREATEST DREAM WAS TO play and win the World Cup. I thought no other experience could be more fulfilling than being the main attraction in this quadrennial spectacle watched by millions of passionate fans all over the world. The World Cup is such a momentous event that some countries consider even just qualifying as a historic achievement that is almost as significant as winning

The current World 'A time to make enbauer, president of the World Cup 2006 organizing committee and one of Germany's greatest players of all time, said the theme, aside

Mark Anibony S. Goroy We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.- Ed.

YOUNG BLOOD

from presenting his country as a cordial host, emphasizes the fact that football is not just a game of 22 hirelings kicking a leather bail but it also offers an opportunity for individuals to exchange stories and share their lives.

I couldn't agree more. It was my eight friends from Grade 5, who are still my best buddles until now, who led me to the sport that almost became my religion. The scene is clearer to me now than my first Communion. It was one humid aftersoon when my friends described their scrimmage during their first practice session for our school's football team. One bragged about how he had run the flanks and delivered a cross. Another boasted that his tackle was one of the highlights of the day. And still another claimed that he almost made a goal with a strike inside the penalty box.

These stories struck me back as boring and uneventful What's so significant about a cross or a strike or a tackle if you didn't score and make your team win? But for the first time in my life, I couldn't my anything to my friends—the same friends I had since prep school—and I felt like an outsider. They were so engrossed by their exploits that every detail seemed new to them even if they were being related for the nth time. So the very next day, I looked for my most durable sneakers and joined my friends in practice. That proved to be one of the best decisions I have made in my life.

Football not only added another entry on my hobby list. It also provided me with new occasions to meet people and make new friends. I can say that aside from the classes, my grade school and high-school football teams were the organizations that gave me a lot of friends. Which was rather inevitable since my teammates were the persons I interacted with every afternoon after class. It was with them that I shared the exhaustion of practice, the joy of victory, the agony of defeat and the reproaches of our trainers.

When I entered college, football took a backseat owing to the demands of academic life and the lack of friends who played the game since all of my teammates decided to study in Negros. I was resigned to the possibility that I would not be able play football again, until a fellow dormer saw me juggling the ball in a vacant room of our dorm. Immediately, he invited me to play with him and his friends from their high school alma mater near the university campus.

I was so delighted after the game not so much because I was able to play again after a year-long blatus, but because I made some new friends very easily. I was able to join them for a few more games, until we left our domnitory to give way to a new batch of freshmen. But even though I could not take part in their games again, I was able to maintain our friendship. Until now we find time to exchange notes about our academic and private lives and football, of

My encounter with my dorm mate was not the last time football broadened my horszon. Football has not only helped me find new friends but also keep their friendship. Once I joined a work camp, a social outreach program organized by a non-government organization held in Naga City, together with about 20 other guys from different universities all over the country. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that most of them played football and that our camp chaplain was also an enthusiast, following his stay in Spain. So every afternoon for the next two weeks, after helping construct a footpath, landscaping and cleaning the drainage, all of us would summon all our remaining energy in order to play football. Our work became more fun because while working we are discussing the plays we made and looking forward to the next game. The game allowed us to know each other more

Football has also given me opportunities to reach out to others. When I gave optional religious instructions to a group of male sophomores of a high school, I broke their stereotype of catechists as people who didn't care about the world and didn't know how to have fun. I did it by playing football with them after our sessions. This made them feel at ease. During our games, I showed them that I was not just a catechist but also their friend

Through football, I have kept in constant touch with people who rught not have become my friends had I not decided to join our grade-school football team. These are people with whom I share a "common life." Some of them are true friends whom I consider my alter ego. They don't hesitate to correct me when I do something wrong. This, to me, is a sign of true friendship: to risk being called a meddler rather than allow a friend to do foolish things. For true friendship is always grounded on truth and seeks the good of the other. When

friends\* do the opposite, they become accomplices. Now I know that sharing a "common life" with friends is as fulfilling as winning the World Cup.

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### THEY SAID

Society's daughter

The day she joined the movement, she was no longer our daughter. She was the daughter of the society at large. She had a role to play in society."

"Molly," on her 20-year-old daughter "Erika," who pult school to go underground. Erika was killed last blanch when government troops over un reportedly a New People's Army camp in Sicol

Unstoppable "It does not matter to the how many thousands or millions of cobradores (bet collectors) they get (to arrest). This thing will not stop unless they get that justeng

lord." -Isabela Gov. Groce Padaca's challenge to the Millippine Mational Police to go after a suspected gambling lord named Jun Roque

The INQUIRER is a member of the

independence

Cup has for its theme friends." Franz Beck-

the courts will not meeriere." Sadly, however, while the Alvasez formula for them the group led by Victoria Garchitorena, who was to turn against GMA on July 8, 2005, and the Alcantara family of Davao. GMA unceremoniously removed Alvarez from his post and replaced

the Alcantara family. Gozun's first act was to re-scind Department Administrative Order No. 17, which Alvarez had the guts to implement for the first time. The order sought to protect small fishermen by declaring areas 15 sq km from shore

he sought to carve from Diwalwal, and the sue is "far from resolved. Small-scale miners con-

### How much for a drink of urine?

HOW MUCH WOULD IT BE FOR WILFREDO QUI-Jano who was made to drink urine ("I don't know whose urine it was," he said) and who spent his 17th birthday and nine birthdays after that in

How much should Paula Romero, a former seamstress, receive for her missing son Henry, a newspaperman at the time of his disappearance?

How much for the 34-year-old woman in Mindanao who woke up one night to find her house being set on fire by some 15 armed men, who then stabled to death her husband in front of her? How much for her own 10 stab wounds? This woman bled till morning and was still clasping her six-month-old baby when help came. Her 5-year-old child ran for his life and called for help. When the village people came, it was already morning but the woman was still alive. I interviewed her many years ago.

How do you put a price tag on the pain of Purifi-cation. Viernes, a health worker from Mindanso whose husband and two children were killed in 1984, by armed men who came in the dead of night and strafed the Vienneses' home, on suspecion that they were rebel sympathizers? The next thing Purificacion saw were brain tissues and blood splattered all over. Her two children died instantly and

the heard her husband breathe his last Purificacion played dead when the armed men came up to inspect the place. The men took a look at her and decided to pump one more buller into her to make sure she was dead. As if that was not enough, a soldier clicked his cigarene lighter and ran its flame on the soles of Purification's feet. To see if she would move. She did not, and they left her.

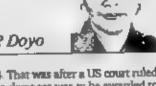
Purificacion survived to tell her story. One of her legs was suspended in mid-air when I interviewed her in a hospital. Another one was heavily bandaged. The soles of her feet were swoilen.

So how much is Purificacion's share of the Marcos billions? How do you put a price tag on her wounds, her dead husband and sons, the burns

on her feet? I had to scour my "Porever Files" to search for stories like these. I wrote the above in this space 12

### HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



years ago in 1994. That was after a US court ruled that \$1.2 billion in damages was to be awarded to the almost 10,000 martial rule victims who filed a class suit against the Marcos estate.

I also wrote then that the Ramos government stood in the way. Its stand then was that the Maxcoses' immense wealth should go back to the government because it was stolen from the govern-ment. And so it should not be used to indemnify the victims of Marcos rule.

Nine years ago in 1997, I again wrote about the victims' hopes nearing realization when the US Supreme Court affirmed with finality a 1995 district court ruling in Honoluke. The claimants' lead counsel Robert Swift said the Marcuses had no further right of appeal under US law. In 1995 the US Supreme Court already upheid a lower court's ruting on \$1.2 billion in exemplary damages, in both the class action and direct action, plaintiffs had clearly won. There was also the \$772 million in compensatory damages. These figures and suits could be confusing but just think of a total of

The things you could do with \$2 billion, I wrote then. Of course, you do not divide that equally into 10,000. Victims are classified into duree general types. But it goes without saying that you cannot quantify suffering and loss. It was not the prospect of money that pushed the 10,000 claimants to file a class suit for compensation. It was justice for 10,001 crimes.

But will the government let go? Silvestre Bello III, solicitor general at that time, said the government was "inclined to lay off claim to the Marcos Swits fund," Good, I wrote, the government

should then step aside and allow the 10,000 victims to get the \$2 billion. A big portion of the amount was to come from the frozen assets in Switzerland, imagine all that money pouring in. That would be much more than what was being sent by Filipino overseas contract workers slaving

away in foreign lands. But it seemed the victims were never going to see the color of that money because the government kept standing in the way. If the government succeeds in snatching that money from the victims, I said then, a curse will be upon this land Why? The \$2 billion might only line a few big pockets. Maybe it will find its way to the national budget and then to the pork barrel, to government projects and offices and the sticky hands of the corrupt. While if the amount were spread around to victims it would go a along way-for

education, housing, health, seed capital, etc. Well, so much has already been recovered and where did these go? Not a cent for the victims. Wala, kahit wang singkong dulung

It is now 2006. Last month, the US District Court of Hawaii sent a notice to 9,539 claimants. The letter gave a background saying: Tollowing trials in 1992, 1994 and 1995, the Court entered Final Judgment on Feb. 3, 1995 in favor of the Class in the amount of US\$1,964,000,000. Your claim is one of the 9,539. The Judgment was affirmed by the US Appeals Court, and is now final." It also tackled collection proceedings, distribution of the fund, eligibility of class members, amorney's fees and expenses.

Last week the District Court of Hawaii authorized compensation of \$2,000 each to about 7,500 victims (why fewer now?) of human rights abuses. The US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals awarded the victims \$35 million in a New York brokerage account that once belonged to the Marcoses

The Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) is again standing in the way. We call on the spirit of the late POGG chair Haydee Yorac, defender of human rights, to be the mediatrix.

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### Complicity's price

TM NOT CONVINCED THAT AIRING THE VIDEOtape which showed Gen. Danilo Lim withdrawing support from President Macapagal-Arroyo and asking her to recognize a new government, serves the interest of the Palace. This is not to say that Maincañang doesn't thunk so: civilian officials (themselves formerly with the milkary or police) in the Palace are crowing over the airing of the tape. They think that the tape proves, to their satisfaction, that their repression of the public was justified, it suggests that the country came within a hair's breadth of becoming a multary dictatorship; it distracts the public from all the other things go-

However, the tape serves to emphasize a couple of things that Palace officials have been aware of since February this year: first, the width and depth of military dissatisfaction with the administration (which has astounded them); second, to stay in power, they have to make a devil's bargain with the top brass of the armed forces. While the bureaucracy is purportedly still in the hands of the defense secretary, it isn't the civilians who dictate, much less limit, whar's going on in the field. The tape underscores the division within the military, and the reason for that division; it emphasizes how alienated from the larger population the administration is

What else did Lim's video prove? The Armed Porces chief of staff says it proves nothing, since it was never "official" -by which, I suppose, he means that it was never sired, and thus, did not pecome a public act subject to official punishment. there is a whale of a difference between intent and action. (If someone writes an angry letter calling for revolution but doesn't publish it, can the act of writing be punished?) It may be so; and it is probaby safer—if the britile authority of senior generals is to be preserved—to say this is so.

It does serve as a reminder that Lim was, at that time (last February), situated where many Pilipinos were. He was so frustrated and so devoid of hope of any change, that any solution seemed worth St. That Lim (who may have shown

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

an inflated sense of self-importance by making that tape and engaging in whatever else he's accused of), or those who, frustrated as he was, propped him up (or were, in Lim's mind, tipe to cummand) hadn't thought things through, can only been seen in retrospect—there were enough military officers with misgivings about taking over the rem of powers, and a sufficient public backlash at the idea of military rule. It is only in retrospect, 100, that a kind of divine providence can be said to have been at work: perhaps better a continuing purgatory under Ms Arroyo than a fledgling post—a GMA regime led by individuals like Gen. Joviso Palparan. After all, neither Lim nor any active senior officer, to my mind, has expressed musgivings over the military's all-out war policy versus the New People's Army.

But the larger issue here, I'd suggest, is how it's becoming clearer and clearer that so many were complicit in assuring Ms Arroyo's "victory" at all costs, that they cannot afford to turn their backs on her now-notwithstanding the personal, emotional, or spiritual pangs their "loyalty" has cost them, never mand all the ideals they previously

A general, colonel, or major has to recognize that the dangreements within their rands stem from the treatment of officers who helped "re-cleer" Ms Arroyo: if there wasn't outrage over their act, the dilemma of whether to topple or support us unpopular administration wouldn't even exist.

And the same applies to every other prop of the present dispensation. At the rate this is going, it

may have been possible that spiritual justifications were given: it is all right to cheat, so long as it prevents a larger evil, say, the victory of Pernan-

Many sectors, whose post-Edsa dedication to democracy has been shattered twice, apparently wish to scuttle democracy and replace it with something that is more to their liking.

And what is that? A "guided" democracy, which is a democracy purged of that great evil (in their minds, at least, known as "populism" democracy where the majority of the population does not have any influence in policymaking, or any parties pation in selecting those who would held public offices. As Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman once famousty quipped. "Vox popula? Vox humbug?" Supposed to its essential armbutes, the foundation of he present administration's and its ailies sur vivai strategy is we cannot trust a people who do not trust as. Therefore, amir and circumscribe the tyranny of the majority. Our great problem today is that they would institute a tyranny of the minonry of men of the cloth, men in uniform, men in the House the Palace the boardrooms of society, the social and professional clubs, yes, a minority but loud enough to rely on the typical Fil pinos propensity to avoid outright divisions at ail costs, though the divisions be fundamental and impor-

If there's a Lien, there's an Esperon-which keeps the Sengas of this world equivocal and taximately, at bay, for every Bishop Capalla, there is a Bishop Cruz-which keeps the other prelates intent on Reeping peace within the episcopacy, shough the result is so leave their flocks adrift. For every civil society group opposed, there is one against their opposition; and so on. The reality, though, is that in condemning those is claims are antidemocratic, the administration only postpones the eventual exposure of a conclusion a has reached long ago—a conclusion which has led it and as supporters, in fundamentally dismiss the idea that democracy is worth preserving,

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### Becoming like the enemy

Unscientific but reliable quake 'precursors'?

I READ THE INQUIRER'S EDITO- pens. She dutifully pampered

FOCUSING MILITARY STRIKES chilling end; genocide. on rebels is a dangerously unbalenced strategy because it ignores the root causes of insurgency, as pinpointed by Sen. Rodolfo Blazon: poverty social injustice, graft and corruption. Failing to address these issues is like filling a water tank that's full of holes.

Long-term problems require long-term solutions. The two-year deadline can only lead to one also holds the key to the insurgen-

rial on earthquakes. ("Prepared-

ness," PDI, 5/30/06) Indeed, to

this day, modern science is still in-

capable of predicting, much less

preventing earthquakes. Howev-

er, the editorial went on to say

that Japanese scientists "have

settled the question of pre-

dictability of earthquakes, Earth-

quakes follow a pattern. They

have detectable precursors.' The

government would do well to

send the country's earthquake ex-

perts to Japan to learn from its

While waiting for our govern-

ment to move toward this direc-

tion. I would like to offer my two-

centavos' worth on "earthquake

precursors," if one could call

them as such. They may be a

crude way of detecting the arrival

of earthquakes, but others have

also noticed these "indicators" in

the past before the "big ones"

In our backyard, my wife kept

scientists."

As a student of history, I am against everything communism stands for I believe, however, that even leftist sociopaths deserve due process. To deny their human rights is to lose the moral high ground. If we become like the enemy, then we would have lost.

The government's greatest enemy is within. The good news is, it

them with hog feeds and loving

care, which made them very

docile, quiet, indolent and glut-

tonous. One day, they suddenly

became restless, to the point of

almost being violent as they

made several attempts to break

out of their pens. They grosned

intermittently and produced a

hissing sound the whole day. On

the second day, at mid-after-

noon of July 16, 1990, amid

their restlessness and groaning,

a "big one" struck with a 6.8 in-

In early August 1993, my wife

and I immigrated to the Island of

Guam, staying in our son's home

in the US Navy Housing Area in

Barrigada Heights. We have not

been one week on the Island

when I woke up one morning to

find a number of sticky, short

earthworms crawling up the

bungalow wails and aiming for

the roof. I quickly swept them all

away with a long-handled

ev problem. It's a two-way street; a ningus-cogon bloodbath; or a strategic, long-term, non-partisan, comprehensive and realistic master plan to end poverty, social injustice, graft and corruption, backed solidly by political will, wise leadership and the rule of law. Which way to go is the judgment call of the Arroyo administration.

-JONATHAN AQUINO, clearwater\_1129@yahoo.com

three-year stay in Guam, he ever

noticed this phenomenon be-

fore. His reply was an emphatic

hundreds more crawling slowly

up. On the third day, thousands of

them covered the entire bungalow

walls and it took me the whole

morning sweeping them down,

but many had already settled atop

the roof Then, at around 5:30

p.m., a "big one" struck with an

6.0 intensity, violently shaking the

whose island for almost 60 sec-

I am just wondering If the

strange behavior of those animals

before the two earthquakes

struck could be considered as

some sort of crude "precursors,"

but enough to prepare all of us for

impending earthquakes-while

we wait for our government to

contact the Japanese earthquake

-DANIEL H. DIZON,

2 Badiao Rd., Villa Gloria,

On the second day, there were

# Why medicines

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### are expensive here

WE ALL COMPLAIN WHY medicines cost so much here. That's because we follow the American way of marketing drug products-through promotion and advertisement. Just visit a doctor in a hospital and take note how many medical or drug representatives visit him every day and how many samples of medicines, catalogues and promotional items and incentives they offer him.

All these "reps," judging from the way they dress, definitely earn decent incomes from the phermaceutical companies they represent, and their incomes and standard of living have to be supported by the companies. To recover these overheads, the pharmaceutical companies simply tuck the costs in the price of medicines. But all this is nothing compared to the incentives they offer doctors to promote their

Would you believe they offer doctors all-expenses-paid trips to places in Asia, Europe, Africa or the United States-and with their families yet? Somebody has to pay for all these expenses and unfortunately it is the consumer. And we wonder why medicines are expensive here!

These practices are very common in the United States bur unheard of in India and Pakistan where medicine prices, like cosmetics and food products, have to be labeled with an MRP (maximum retali price), determined by the government.

If we could implement this practice, we could surely bring down the prices of our medicines here. But then again, we need a trusted government body to determine what the right price should

> -SURESH KARNANI, tejus@mydestiny.net

## WE, MEMBERS OF THE NURSING

Nursing leakage alarming

profession, express our concern over the reported leakage in the June 2006 nurses' board examination. It was reported that "the leakages could not have been perpetrated without the active participation or negligence (of any or all the) members" of the Board of Nursing. (PDI, 6/23/06)

We believe that the members of the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) and the Board of Nursing (BON) should be models of utmost integrity in administering licensure examinations for nurses; therefore, they should discharge their duties honestly and faithfully.

We arge the PRC to immediately create an independent body to conduct a swift, impartial and public investigation of the report-

We also urge the PRC to withhold the release of the results of the board examination pending this investigation.

We collectively uphold the principles of scademic excellence, in-

tegrity, professional responsibility and service to the people.

We call on the PRC and the Commission on Higher Education, which are legally mandated to oversee and regulate nursing education in the country, to strictly implement the provisions of the Nursing Law on standards for nursing education. We strongly believe that this incident is but a manifestation of the country's deteriorating, highly commercialized nursing education—the result of the proliferation of nursing schools and review centers.

We consider this a matter of prime urgency, and we hope that due process will be observed here; and, if warranted, the necessary cases filed against all those who are directly involved in this irregularity.

We commit ourselves to the quest for truth and we will pursue this case to the end in the name of Justice and safe nursing practice.

-JOSEFINA TUAZON, dean, UP Coilege of Nursing and 22 other signatories from the nursing profession

### State responsible for rights violations

I READ WITH GREAT INTEREST. like to express my deepest gratithat "the House of Representarives passed on second reading a bill allocating P8 bulton in ill-gotten wealth recovered from the Marcoses as compensation for victims of human rights abuses under the martial law regime of deposed dictator Ferdinand Marcos." (PDI,

Being one of the 9,539 documented human rights victims of mertial law myself who won a \$2billion class sult against the Marcoses in Hawaii in 1998, I would

tude and congratulations to our congressmen, particularly Rep. Etta Rosales, the principal author of the bill

Certainly, the bill will benefit the human rights victoms of martial aw and, to paraphrase Rosales herself, will make the State realize that it is responsible and accountable for human rights vio-

> -CRISOSTOMO B. VILAR, vice mayor, Pagaanjan, Laguna

#### 2009 Angeles City, Pampanga two large hogs in cramped pix broom. I asked my son if, in his Opposition happy with the spate of bombings

IF SENATORS RODOLFO BIAZON opposition condemning these. Aquino can only offer to recite the and Aquilino Pimentel do not want the Arroyo administration to blame the "legitimate opposition" for the bombings in the Philippines, then they should stop being happy whenever these bombings happen. ("Stop blaming opposition for blasts-soions," PDI, 6/16/06)

I rarely hear members of the

bombings. And if they do speak against these horrific acts, they editoria.ize it with, "That just shows how people are dissatisfied with the Arroyo administration." Every self-righteous expression of indignation from them has a slant of malice to

sow the seeds of strife. Former President Corazon rosary for the bombing victims. Running priest Robert Reyes can only run for them

To the other members of the "leg.timate opposition," thank you for pouring flammable acid into

> -GEO ALCALA, 48 Sifeng Road, Jiamusi City, Hellongilang, China

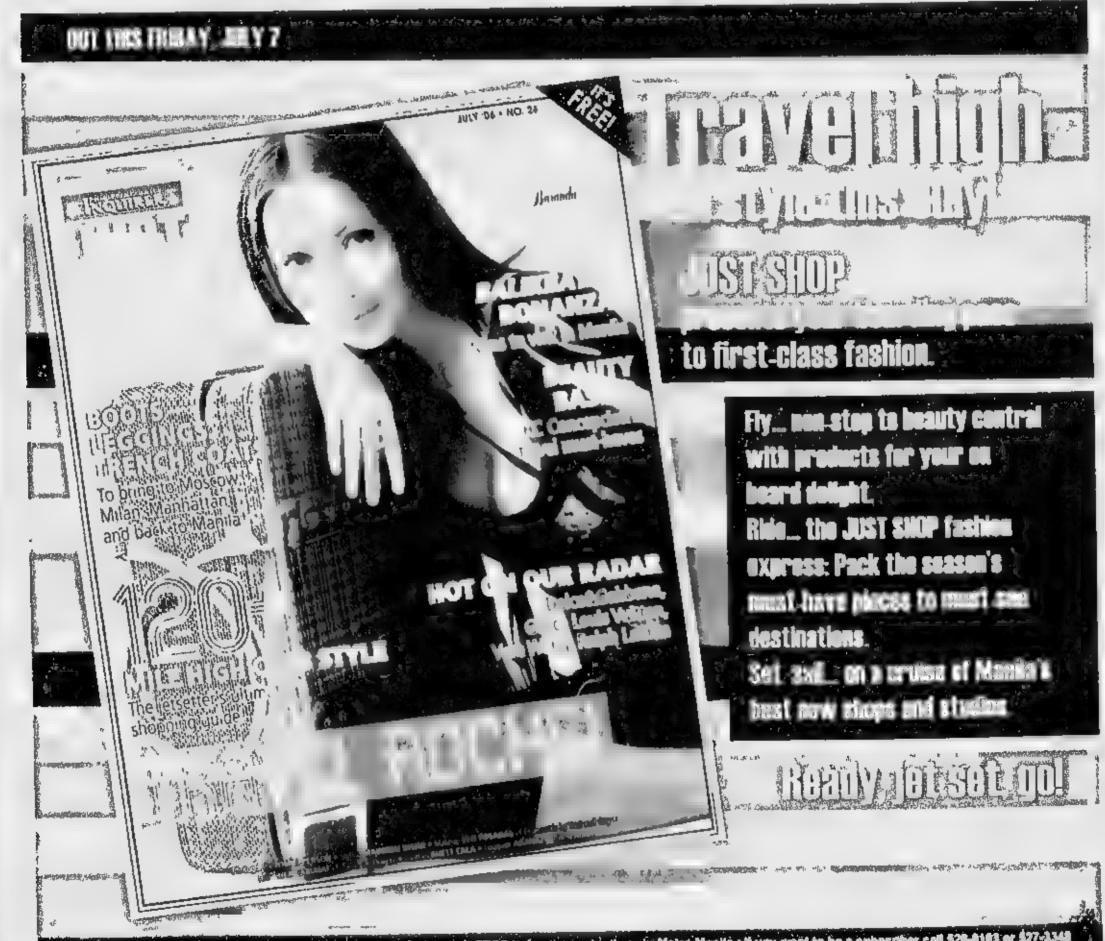
### Time to appoint a DepEd secretary

FOLLOWING EDUCATION SECRE- ministration from appointing a tary Florencio B. Abad's resignation last July 8, 2005, the Department of Education, the biggest department in the government bureaucracy, has been headed by Dr. Fe A. Hidalgo In. an acting capacity. Nevertheless, she has demonstrated her ability to lead the DepEd and improve the country's educational system.

What's keeping the Arroyo ad-

permanent secretary for the DepEd? The time is more than ripe for this vital department to be headed by a full-fledged secretary.

-EUSEBIO S. SAN DIEGO, founding president, Teachers Alliance Against Graft and Corruption (Tagae), 22 Antonia St., Centerville, Tandang Sora, Quezon City



ESTELA Cabillas, 60,

with her "bututa."

# INQUIRER Southern Luzon acres the Bandayrel

# 'Lukayo' TV docu disturbs villagers

By Romulo Ponte Kalayaan, Laguna

NTIL AN AILMENT FORCED HER TO QUIT, 67-YEAR-OLD Adelaida Pasco had been known in her community in Sitio Magalulon, Barangay San Antonio, 15 km from the town proper of Kalayaan in Laguna, as one of the longest performing "lukayo" dancers.

And until an audio-visual documentary on the lukayo was shown nationwide on television, she had not been disturbed by the ritual, traditionally held during weddings, in her village.

Pasco used to dance, after a wedding ceremony, with an eggplant hanging between her legs as a way of wishing that the couple would have an offspring soon. The eggplant is supposed to symbouze the groom's sex-organ.

The tradition has been practiced as far back as when her late parents were married in 1917, Pasco said.

"In the past, we only brought a bilao (a shallow basket used to winnow rice), to represent the guitar, and a broom which we placed in between our legs," she said in Filipino. Through the years, however, the dancers' propa have evolved into the use of eggplants.

"Lukayo" is derived from "luka luka keyo" (you are all crazy), referring to the local womenfolk, normally garbed in loose cotton dresses but would don fashionista clothes while performing the fertility dance like mannequins studing on a catwalk. Their

faces were also made up with a mot of colors. The "crazy" dancers would accompany the newly married couple from the church

> would continue. Pasco said the ceremony included other activities like a brief dramatization of a supposed hostage taking of the newlyweds by the lukayo women, who would playfully hide them from their waiting parents and godparents in

Magalulon.

where the timal

The couple was supposed to be freed only with the "payment" of a ransom of one bottle of liquor, marks or other food serv-

the rebeis.

ritual to comically reveal that the bride had a child before marriage, and some

Ridiculous as the dancers' costumes may seem and quite absurd the roleplaying, the lukayo women have become a source of entertainment for the newlyweds, their guests and relatives.

The event throws the guests and villagers into raptured laughter and merriment and "we forget some of our problems," Pasco said.

#### Wooden phalluses

Pasco said she was disturbed when she saw I-Witness, a late-night public affairs show on GMA 7, that featured the episode titled "Lukayo: Hindi Ito Bastosi (This is Not Obscene)" on May 22.

Instead of eggplants, she saw the lukayo women wielding wooden or artificial phalluses sculpted in various

"When we used to do it, there was no malicious display of anything blatantly offensive to the people's sight," said the elderly woman, who has 15 children.

The episode, presented by Howie Severing with National Artist Ramon Obusan as a primary source, prompted the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) to suspend 1-Witness for two weeks on July 3 and 10.

In a mobile phone interview on June 24, Severino said Obusan had earlier showed him some video footage of the rirual and these convinced him that it was worth covering. A work of the teach

He and his crew interviewed some residents, he said, and he got the impression that somehow the showing of wooden penists was already practiced long ago. But he admitted that those he interviewed made mention of "talong" as an early ratual instrument

Severino quoted Obusan as saying that the display of wooden penises during the ceremony was already practiced in the past, but that this had gradually disappeared. The artist purportedly suggested to the lukeyo performers to use them anew for the d

Severino suggested an interview with Kalayaan village head, Froilan Reyes, who organized the people involved in the ceremony that was documented by the TV crew.

"When we went back to the area for Sometimes, a doil was the second wedding without Obusan, brought out during the they still used wood (wooden penises)



"LUKAYO" performers in colorful dresses and "crazy" makeup pose with Adelaida Pasco (left), 67, who stopped denting in the ritual when she got sick.

We did not tell them to use wood," Severino exputined.

### Artist's impression

On Monday, Obusan's assistant Marciano Biri said the national artist had interviewed an old woman, one of the oldest luknyo dancers, who had been keeping a wooden penis which she claimed she inherited from her parents.

This, according to Biri, gave Obusan the impression that the practice of displaying wooden phalitises was an old hikayo tradition

Biri apologized that Obusan could not be available to comment as he had just come out of the hospital.

But through Biri, Obusan conveyed that his "job was to record what he has seen and researched" in the community. Like Severino, he suggested that Reyes, the village chair who helped them in preparing the video, be asked to clarify.

On Sunday, Reyes said he had told San Antonio parish priest Rodolfo Carabuena that the wooden phailuses used by the fertility dancers were produced by Obusan who, according to the village chair, distributed them to the isomen for use in the documentary.

Through Birl, Obusan replied that the villagers maybe just avoiding the controversy.

### Church, villagers react

Bishop Leo M. Drona of the Diocese of San Pablo Don Bosco said the I-Witness episode was not faithful to the true and genuine culture of the villagers. Drona said there had been a gross

abuse of the tradition of the people of San Antonio. "A merely symbolic ritual (use of raiong) was turned into a glaring display of wooden penises," he said. In an interview on Monday, Carabue-

na echoed the concerns of the villagers, who were disturbed by the depiction of their rirual by the documentary team.

An unidentified lukeyo member, who has been a parish caterfust for the past three years, had asked for his advice if the rimal was contrary to her apostotate.

merely for viliage entertainment and for legitimate purposes.

"Pasayaw-sayaw lang po ako sa parada para sa katuwaan at hundi talaga ako humahawak ng ginagawang ari ng lalake (I only dance during the parade for sheer fun but I don't really handle a male organ)," she quipped.

#### Immoral act?

Fr. Boyet Siddayao, who served as San Antonio parish priest for about six years, said he had never noticed his parishoners practicing such a bizarre ritual.

Farmer Rodolfo Acueza, 56, a resident of Magalulon, attested that eggplants were used in the past, but recenty he saw wooden phalluses being brandished around in the parade.

"It's immoral that even the 'male organ' is now being held by females in the parade," Acueza said. He said the wooden phalluses might

have been introduced about a year ago. In an interview late last month, Nelia Astrera, 65, a lukayo performer, said she joined the ceremony for sheer fun and to help the newly married couple pray for a happy life. Bur she said, "I am ashamed at times when the group be-

comes so exaggerated in their actions."

Estela Cabillas, 60, the band majorette and newest lukuyo member, said her children allowed her to join the ritnal but gave a stern warning not to hold any vulgar object. Hence, she said, she . was contented with holding only a wooden "baruta" (nightstick).

Gerlyn Acueza, 31, who has three sons, admitted that the ritual was performed during her marriage with Sonпу Асиеza, 33

When her children get married, she said she would encourage them to have the ritual as well, if their brides' families would agree. "The ceremony gave us so much fun and the day was full of delight. Nobody was gloomy during our wedding day," she said.

(The author is a diocesan priest of the Our Lady of Nativity's Parish in Pangil, The priest said she did not violate Laguna. He has been an Inquare corresanything because the tradition was pondent since 1999, -Ed.)

## Navy SEALs ready to crush insurgents

By Marion Ramos Sangley Point, Cavice City

IXED EMOTIONS SWEPT Benarlyn Inocencio when she arrived at the naval base in Sangley Point, Cavite City, to attend the graduation ceremonies of the Philippine Navy SEALs (Sea, Air and Land) on June 21.

Seaman Second Class (SN2) Reynaido Pahis Jr., her boyfriend of two years, was one of the 21 graduates of the special course for the SEALs, touted as the most special elite unit in the Armed Forces of the Phinopines.

Although happy that Panis had fulfilled his dream of becoming a soldier, she was worried about what might happen to him after the government declared a full-scale war to end the communist insurgency

"He said he wanted to prove something to himself. So I will just support him," the 18year-old lass from Cavite City said

Panis' father, Reynaldo Sz., also had the same thoughts.

"Although we take pride in what he has done, the anxiety is there. But he has to do his casks to serve the country," said the proud father, himself a former soutier.

Panis, at 28 the youngest in the class, said their nine months of extraordinary training had prepared him and the others to overcome

 "Pear is always there, but you need to overcome it," he said in Filipino. in less than a month, their group will be

Lt. Senior Grade Cris Sergio, commanding officer of Unit 6 of the SEALs, said the group's ability to conduct operations in different ter rain using unconventional warfare makes the unit a force to reckon.

Lt. Victor Ramos, the group's team leader,

said all of them were ready to respond to the

call of President Macapagai-Arroyo to crush

President announced an additional P1 billion

to the government's campaign against the

New People's Army (NPA)

ed," Ramos said.

Elite unit

He said their morale was high after the

This is what we wanted, to be warriors

(for the people) We're conditioned to under-

take the tasks ahead of us. We're very excit-

the communist insurgency within two years.

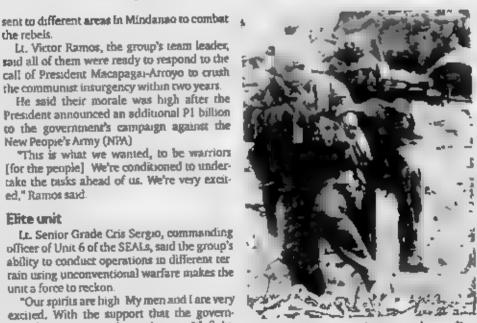
"Our spirits are high. My men and I are very excited. With the support that the government has given us, we're ready to go. It's fight, fight, fight," Sergio said.

The SEALs, also known as the Naval Special Operations Group (Navsog), are trained to conduct operations on sea, air and land.

"Unlike the Marines and the Scout Rangers, the SEALs operate in small units, usually made up of eight persons. We can even operate with only two men," he ex-

Of the AFP's over 100,000 personnel, less than a thousand are SEALs. Sergio said the rigors of the training make it impossible for others to make it to the elite team.

The SEALs usually use commando-style raids and attack at night when they are at their best, Sergio said.



NAVY SEALs personnel join a moch assault

They are also known to stay sleepless for days during special operations in an area. Most of their missions are classified; only

the top military officials know about their it is said that members of the Navy Seals

were actually the ones who killed notorious Abu Sayyaf leader and spokesperson Abu Sabaya during one of their operations in Mindanao rwo years ago. Sergio said their delicate missions also al-

lowed them to use the most advanced firearms and war gadgets that the military

Por one, the SEALs have radios which can be used under water. These communications gadgets were given to the military by their US counterpart and were presented to the media before the graduation rites on June 19

The group also employs some of the most prolific and occurate snipers of the military.

it has experts in handling and planting high-impact explosives within enemy lines without being detected.

With these, Sergio said the members were confident that they can respond and contribute immensely in crushing the NPA.

### Rigid training

The training principles of the SEALs were taken from the training book of the highly regarded US Seals. Some of the instructors were likewise trained by American SEALs.

Training includes airborne exercises, reconnaissance work, ordnance handling and scuba diving

For nane months, the soldiers must wake up at 4 a.m. and stay awake up to the wee hours to carry our the tasks given them. They swith for two miles every day and run 10 km.

The soldiers are made to do a 27-km swim from Roxas Boulevard in Manda to the navabase in Sangley Point without any rest,

They also undergo "Hell Week," a weeklong training where they are not allowed to sleep even for a minute, and "Hell Blast," in which they are given alcoholic beverages and given tasks while drunk.

"It is at their worst condition and state of mind where good soldiers stand out from the rest. It is at their worst condition when we can get the best from them," Sergio saxl.

Only 21 of the 79 applicants were able to finish the course, he said.

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# Week of fighting displaces 16,000

A WEEK OF FIGHTING BETWEEN MORO GOV- eased, and that both sides al- countries are now investigating ernment militiamen and separatist rebels in Maguindanao have left at least 10 dead and displaced at least 16,000 civilians, an official said.

Official military reports on the battles with the military. ground say three fighters from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and seven pro-government militamen have been killed since last week, said government peace negotiator Ramon Santos

of militiamen and soldiers in the attacks on security posts manned by Army-trained paramilitary forces in Maguindanao, which touched off

The MILF said the attacks were in retaliation for an earlier military sheiling of a rebel training base on the outskirts of the town of Shariff Aguak.

Relief goods were being rushed The rebels claimed killing dozens to vi. ages, as local and international negotiators tried to prevent the skirmishes from spreading Santos said.

Santos said the situation had

lowed relief workers to bring in food and supplies to some 16,000 people displaced by the fighting

"Compared to last week, it has greatly stabilized although there are still fighting, there are still skirmishes on the ground," Santos told reporters, adding that MILF rebeis were dug in trenches.

The MILF has warned that the fighting could set back peace negonations aimed at ending their 28-year rebellion for an independent Islamic state in Mindanao.

Negotiators from the MILF and the government assisted by international monitors from Islamic

the clashes, Santos said.

"This has not shaken the whole peace process," Santos said.

The government's chief peace negonator Jesus Dureza said he was to fly to the area of conflict on Thursday to check on relief work and to talk to rebel leaders

At least 780 Mushm families are, however, trapped in a village in Shariff Aguak according to a socia, welfare official, quoting reports from peace monitors

"They are at risk Our socia. workers can't penetrate the area because fighting is still ongoing," said Ruby Sahali, secretary of the

Development in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (DSWD-ARMM)

An official of a nongovernment organ zation with funding from the United States said the group was worried over 30 solar power modules in Tapikan town.

"Millions have been invested there for the people. We hope that the fighting stops," said Ces Rodriguez, information officer of the Al ance for Mindanao Off-Grid Renewable Energy.

The fighting started when MILP guerrillas reportedly opened fire at security forces who were serving ar-

Department of Social Welfare and rest warrants for rebel field commanders Jamil Ombra and Saild Pakiladato, in the far-flung village of Iginagampong in Shariff Aguak.

The two are suspects in the June 23 bomb attack that killed Datu Piang Mayor Saudi Ampatuan, a son of Gov. Zaidy Ampatuan, in 2003 and the recent bomb attack on the governor.

Pakiladato denied that he and Ombra had a hand in the murder, "We have no reason to kill the governor because he is not our enemy." said Pakiladato in an interview with radio station dxMS. Jeoffrey Maitem and Charlie Seftase, PDI Mindanao Bureau with a report from AFP

### Negros school, PNP, Church execs raise alarm on sex videos

By Carla P. Gomez PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY-NEGROS OCCIdental school, police and Church officials yesterday urged parents to keep a close watch on their children's activities because of reports that cellular phone videos of students engaging in sex are prolifer-

The

gives

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students

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easy access

ating in the province. Senior Supt. Pedro Merced, Bacolod poince chief, said that students who allow videos to be taken of them while engaged in sea might be on drugs as he did not think that they would allow themselves to be videotaped if they were in their right senses.

Parents have a explicit greater responsibility to keep a close watch materials ... on the activities of

their children and instill the proper values in them, he added.

Merced said he would meet with school officials to discuss how such activities can be stopped.

A mother has raised concern over high school students engaged in sexual acts recorded through their cellular phone video cameras, a radio station here reported yesterday.

The mother, whose name was Radyo here that the students engaged in such acts inside an empty classroom in a Bacolod school.

In one video that the mother said she found on the cellular phone of

school girls were seen performing sexual acts together, the report said.

The females in the video were between 14 and 16 years old and appeared to be having fun, the radia report said

It added that there were other reported cellular phone videos taken of such activities. The mother was reportedly concerned that

> nuch activity could happen within school premises.

cellular Another phone video circulating is of two alieged students having sex on the steps of an unidentifled school, with the male boasting about the size of his sex organ. Merced said it appeared that a third party was involved, taking the video.

Eva Belicena, Negros Occidental schools

superintendent, yesterday urged parents to keep a close watch on their children's after class activines and about the subject matters they view on the Internet.

The Internet gives students easy access to pornographic and sexually explicit material, she said.

She said students allowed to surf the Internet in their bedrooms until the wee hours of the withheld told RGMA's Super morning have the opportunity to access such material

Beacens said she is advising parents to put the computers of their chaldren in areas of the house where they cannot surf in secret her daughter, eight to nine high for pornographic materials.



LYN BELLON/PDI PHOTO Arthur Yap, chief of the Presidential Management Staff, snaps a picture of his boss, President Macapagal-Arroyo, while he was seated baside Lanzo dei Norta Vica Gov. Irma Ali,

### Cell site burned, but cops won't blame NPAs

By Chito Fuerites and Jhunnex Napatlacan PDI Visayas Bureau

Telecommunications cell site in Poblacion, San Isidro. Bohol suffered heavy damage following a failed attempt to burn it down on Tuesday.

The military, however, ruled out the possibility that the New People's Army (NPA) was behind ment in Bohol," Omandam the San Isidro police, said there

Lt Co. Jefferson Omandam, tral TAGBILARAN CITY A GLOBE based in Cebu City, said the mo-the lot where the cell site was land dispute

operatives and the local police in Bohol. The burning of retaliated by burning the ceil the cell site has no connection site, he said to the communist move-

Omandam said initial inspokesperson of the AFP Cen- vestigation showed that pin the blame yet on communist Command (Centcom) there are many claimants on tive of the burning could be erected It was possible that site in Bohol. one of the claimants was an-"That's the finding of our gered for failing to get a share from land rentals and

was no doubt that the incident was a case of arson but wouldn't

It was the third attack on a cell

The previous attacks were in Loon town, on Oct. 23, 2002, and Tagbilaran City, on Sept. 25,

"It is not the usual modus Insp. Samuel Gabuya, chief of (operand: of the NPA)," said the

### New mining operators eye Ilocos Norte town

LAOAG CITY-NEW MINING nearby town of Bangui. operators are working on their application to extract minerals in the feidspar-rich town of Burgos, Bocos Norre, town officials said.

Burgos Councilor Joelia have filed their applications with the mayor's office to extract minerals in the villages of Agaga and Tanap, where feldspar and silica are abundant.

the manufacture of porcetain and glass while silica is used in terin Bangai. the manufacture of cement, bricks, glass and other con-

struction materia.s. The application papers are duced its capacity to store water. pending at the mayor's office due to the absence of requirements needed in the issuance of a permit to operate, Jimenez said.

"The Burgos council has not yet usued its concurrence [to the application] because the operators failed to submit certifications that the communities [where the mining site will] be put up] were in favor of the mining operation," he said.

Mayor Benjamin Campañano earlier called for the cancellation of a mining permit issued to Inc. due to massive situation that the company caused in a creek in the town and a river in the Bureau

The company, owned by the late Currimao Mayor Emesto Go, started mining the area in the 1980s

In 1999, the regional Mines Jimenez said two operators and Geosciences Bureau ordered NMII to suspend its operations due to massive siltation in the Baruyen Rover in Bangua.

The Baruyen River is a natural reservoir, which supplies Feldspar is a mineral used in water to the Dangdangia Dam, a major source of arrigation wa-

> Officials of Bangus had said siltation from the Baruyen River had reached the dam and re-

The NMII was also ordered to dredge the Baruyen River, including its tributary, the Anangge Creek in Burgos The creek used to be a major source of latigation

water and food for residents. Onofre Menor, an NMII official, said dredging of the Anangge Creek and the upper portion of the Potrero River has not been completed.

"We have finished dredging the apper section [of the creek], while our check dams have been rehabilitated," Menor told members of the provincial envithe Northern Mining integrated conmental summit steering committee last week. Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon

### Bulacan execs say issuance of permits not irregular

said it was issuing mining permits but that it was not arregular, but a power vested on it by the Local Government Code.

In a statement, provincial adpermits and licenses was provided ed on by the members of the

MALOLOS CITY-THE BULACAN ed for by the Local Government provincial mining and regulatoprovincial government Tuesday Code and the Philippine Mining ry board (PMRB)," Sta. Rita Act of 1995

"The authority to issue permits and acense to small-scale miners is a devolved function to the local government units ministrator Ma. Giadys Cruz-Sta. However, the issuance of the per-Rita said the authority to issue mit is scruttnized and deliberat-

said,

She said the governor only approves the issuance of a permit and heense upon the endorsement of the PMRB in accordance with merits of the requ rements submitted by appli-

"The law authorizes the governor to follow this mandate," she

On Monday, a labor group urged the filing of usurpation of authority charges against De la Cruz for ssuing mining permits in Balacan's quarry sites. With a report from Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

### RP didn't sign int'l law on indigenous people

missed the opportunity to become a party to the adoption of an international law on indigenous peopies' rights that indigenous rights activists worldwide haued as a "historic milestone" for them.

The Philippines abstained when country representatives were asked to sign a resolution adopting the United Nations Dec-Jaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on June 29

"It's a shame that the Philippines has abstance, when it boasts of a law on indigenous peoples' rights in the international community," said Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous

Tauli-Corpuz attended the UN Human Rights Council's first seasion on June 19-30 in Geneva, Switzerland.

She was referring to the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (Ipraor Republic Act 8371), which is ٨

BAGUIO CITY—THE PHILIPPINES often cited as a model law for indigenous peoples in the International community.

Not signing the resolution, she said, meant the government had failed indigenous Fil pinos.

The UN Information Service (UNIS) reported that 30 countries voted for the adoption of the text of the declaration, which had remained a draft for the past 20 years. Two voted against the document while 12 including the Philippines, abstained. Three were absent.

In explaining why the Philippines abstained, the UNIS quoted Enrique Manalo, Philippine representative to the UN Haman Rights Council, as saying that the country was already "fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the rights of indigenous peoples"

The declaration says indigenous peoples have the right to fully enjoy, "as a collective or as Individuals, all human rights and fun-

damental freedoms recognized in the charter of the United Nations, the universal declaration of human rights and international human rights .aw."

The declaration also recognizes indigenous peoples as coequals with other citizens.

"Indigenous peoples and indeviduals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin and identity," it

Bur Sen. Juan Flavier, who sponsored RA 8371, said he would side with caution in deal-

ing with the United Nations. Playlor said "It takes time to sign anything" involving the United Nations because "when you deal with the UN, you are dealing [with them] forever." Maurice Malanes and Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luson Bureau



INDIGENOUS peoples of the Cordillora, ike this elder from lfugae, have been producing topusy (rice wine) for centuries. BARRACATHEORISM PROMINERS

## N. Korea test-fires 6 missiles, sparks outrage

could reach the United States with a light payload.

The missiles all landed hundreds of kilometers away from Japan, and there were no reports the missiles caused damage withhi Japanese territory. A Japanese government spokesperson, Shinzo Abe, said the first missile was naunched at about 3:30 a.m. Wednesday

#### Security Council to meet

The political reaction was swift. The White House called the tests a "provocation"; the UN Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting for Wednesday; and Tokyo warned of economic sanctions against the impoverished, communist country.

Still. North Korea remained defiant A North Korea foreign minstry official told Japanese journatists in Pyongyang that the regime there has an undernable right to test missiles.

The missile launch is an issue that is entirely within our sovereignty. No one has the right to dispute it," Ra Pyong-dok, a researcher on Japanese affairs at the North's foreign ministry, said on footage aired by TBS, "On the missile launch, we are not bound by any agreement."

Japanese national broadcaster NHK reported that an unidentified foreign ministry official in Pyongyang acknowledged the firing of the missiles, but Ri told reporters that diplomats like himself were unaware of what the

military was doing.

#### More tests feared

There were fears of more testfirings. Pyongyang could test additional missiles soon despite the international furor over Wednesday's launches, Australian Poreren Minister Alexander Downer said after making a protest via telephone to North Korean Ambassador to Canberra Chon Jae-

"We think they probably do mtend to launch more missiles in the next day or two," Downer told reporters, without explaining if the possibility of more tests came up in his talk with Chon.

South Kores, separated from the North by the world's most heavily armed border, said the test launches would further deepen its neighbor's international isolation, sour public opinion in the South toward Pyongyang and hurt efforts to contro! weapons of mass destruction.

The tests, which came as the United States celebrated its Independence Day holiday and launched the space shuttle Discovery from Cape Canaveral, Florida, appeared timed to draw the most attention from Washington.

Some speculated that Pyongyang wanted some of the spotlight focused on Iran's midear program.

"North Korea wants to get the US to direct bilateral negotiations by using the missile card," said Paik Hak-soon, a North Korea expert at the Seoul-based Sejong Institute. "Timing the launch date on July 4 is an attempt to apply maximum

pressure on the US government."

#### Economic sanctions

In Tokyo, Japanese Poreign Minister Thro Aso warned of a "very high possibility" the United Nations would level economic sanctions against North Korea, Japan also protested the launches officially through Benjing, and banned North Koreau ferry from Japanese ports for six months.

The tests followed weeks of mounting speculation that North Korea would launch a Taepodong-2. US intelligence reports indicated Pyongyang was taking steps to prepare for a launch, but the timing was unknown. North Korea refused to confirm the preparations, but insisted it had the right to such a test.

The test was likely to cast a pall over efforts to hire North Korea back to stalled six-party talks on its nuclear weapons program, Pyongyang has beycotted the negotiations to protest a US crackdown on alleged North Korean counterfeiting and other financial crimes. A North Korean official on Wednesday said that his country would stand by that stance.

#### Diplomacy

Diplomatic moves over North Korea gathered pace. US mudeav in Christopher Hill was to leave Washington for the region later on Wednesday, and the launches coinended with a trip by South Korea's security chief to Washington for consistrations. China's vice premier was also scheduled to 50 to Py-

The United States denounced the launch, but did not consider it a threat to national security. US officials wowed a diplomatic rather than a military response.

We are urgently consulting with members of the Security Council," said John Bolton, the US ambassador to the United Nations. Thomas Schueffer, the US ambassador to Japan, called the faunches "a provocative act." and the White House said Pyongyang had further alienated itself from the world community.

#### Scud technology

North Korea's missile program is based on Soud technology provided by the former Soviet Union or Egypt, according to American and South Korean officials, North Korea started its Rodong-1 massle project in the late 1980s and test fired the mussile for the first time in 1993.

North Korea had observed a moratorium on long-range missile launches since 1999. It shocked the world in 1998 by firing a Taepodong missile over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean.

#### Missile-defense shield

The United States and its allies South Kores and Japan have taken quick steps over the past week to strengthen their missile defenses. Washington and Tokyo are working on a joint missile-defense shield, and South Korea is considering the purchase of American SM-2 defengive mussiles for its destroyers.

The United States and North

### IN THE KNOW

BELOW is a timetine on missile development to North Korsa.

• Aug. 31, 1998: North Korea fires a muttistage Taepodong-1 missile over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean.

 Sept. 13, 1995; North Korea pledges to freeze long-range missile tests.

 Sept. 2002: North Korea. agrees in summit talks with Japan to extend its moratorium on missile tests beyond 2003

 May 2984: North Korea esaffirms its missile moratorium in summit talks with Japan.

 May 2005: North Korea fires a short-range missile unto the Sea of Japan

· March 2986. North Korea fires two short-range missiles

· May 18: Japan says North Korea moved a missile to a taunch site. Media reports identify It as a Taepodong-2

· June 7: South Korea expresses deep concern over signs. North Korea may be preparing to test-fire a baulstic missile

 June 14: The US ambassador to South Korea warns of American countermeasures if North Kersa conducts a missile

 June 16: The United States. says a test of a Taepodong-2 longrange missile may be imminent

· June 18: North Korea vows to increase its "military deterrent" to cope with what it called US attempts to provoke war

 Jane 20: A North Korean official is quoted as saying the country is not bound by 2002 Pyongyang Declaration moratorium on missile tests

• June 21, US President George W. Bush warns North Korea faces further isolation if it tast-fires a long-range missile

 June 21: A North Korean diplomat in New York demands direct talks with the United States. Washington rejects the demand

 Jess 28: Chinese Promier Won Jiabao says North Korea should refrain from aggravaling regional tensions with missile

 June 29: Bush warms a North Korean missile launch is unacceptable. Visiting Japanese Prime Minister Junichtro Kolzumi says a launch would be followed by "verious pressures."

 July 3: North Korea says It would respond to a preemptive JS military attack with an "annihilating strike and a nuclear war."

 July 5: North Korea raunches a series of missiles.

Korea have been in a standoff Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program since 2002. Experts, however, doubt the communist regime has managed to develop a nuclear warhead small enough to mount on its longrange missiles,

## PAF after 59 years: Mostly air, little force but still soars

struggled to be upbeat despite the fact that its overall capability had waned through the years.

"The recent AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines) shift from external to internal defense that saw the abolition or downgrading of PAF offices and units and the phasing out of assets either too old or too expensive to maintain should have posed as a setback," the PAF said in its newsletter's anniversary issue

"Instead," it said, "the [PAF] reorganized, transformed, and soared to new heights of success—surpassing recorded feats, undertaking new and diverse endeavors, but unified by a common drive of doing more with less."

The cory of being a military branch that has had to adjust to change on the basis of lack of funds or varying government priorities is not lost on PAF pilots, both young and old.

They spoke with the on condition of anonymuty, for obvious reasons.

### Once potent force

"We used to be a potent force," a well-placed PAF official said yesterday.

"We moved about without anyone challenging us. We were the best in Asia, and when the jet age was ushered in, we were ahead of the other Asian countries," he said.

The official recalled that years ago, veteran PAF pilots bragged about how they would fly low over Sabah, raising alarm among

### HITTHE KNOW

AS A MAJOR SERVICE of the Armed Forces, the Philippine Air Force (PAF) is expected to have the capability for external detense

But the report of the fact-finding commission on the falled Oakwood mutiny of July 2003 said that with its transport aircraft inventory severely depieted, and the number of its combat jets down to virtually no, the PAF has been limited to its current role of close air support for ground forces."

The report noted, among other problems, the poor pilot-to-aircraft ratio, which at that time stood at 4:1 when the ideal was 3:1 It also said that "at any given time, there are 40 to 50 trainee pilots forced to queue for the use of three trainer planes."

The PAF now has 1,700 officers and 14,500 enlisted personnel, according to May. Augusto de la Peña, information Office director

It has around 1,000 pilots but only around 120 aircraft for use in factical, defense and rescue operations. The PAF has also been losing its pilots to commercial autines, with as many as 49 pilots leaving

since 2004 De la Peña said "A lot of them searched for greener pastures in commercial airlines in the United States and United Kinodom, while some (migrated abroad) with their e said.

PAF pilots reportedly receive a monthly salary of P30,000 at most, depending on their rank, but commercial airline pilots receive up to 10 times more.

But the numbers are negligible because we

have around 1,000 pilots and the average number of graduates every year is 50," De la Peña said. "Once they graduate, they also get an eight-year service contract, so we have enough pilots."

#### 120 aircraft

Among the around 120 operational PAF alroraft are UH-1H (Huey) helicopters (around 50) and C-138 Hercules planes (three) for transport duties, and OV-10 Broncos (15), MG-520s (24) and Sikorsky helicopters (sbr) for close air support

The command also has an aircraft equipped with 24 night vision goggles

The PAF's fetest acquisitions are 20 UH-1H helicopters baught from Singapore in 2004-05, De la

He said 26 more of the same type were expected from the United States, "as promised by US President George Bush."

### 9 bases nationwide

The PAF has nine bases nationwide, with the main headquarters at Villamor Air Base in Pasay City. The other bases are the Clark Air Base and Basa Air Base. both in Pampanga; Danillo Atienza Air Base in Cavite; Mactan Bereto Ebuen Air Base in Cebu; Fernando Air Base in Batangas; Antonio Bautista Air Base in Palawan; Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zemboanga, and

Rajah Buayan Air Base in General Santos City. Mel Lavrence de Gusman, PDI Research

genting too costly.

system, we don't have the essencal fighter aircraft."

In Beu of the supersonic fighter jets, the PAF is using S-211s and OV-10s to patrol the country's borders. "But these aircraft are slow-moving. In terms of air superiority, talo tayo (we're losers) he said.

According to the official, it may take another seven years before new fighter jets are purchased under the Philippine Defense Reform program.

With the lack of fighter jets, the running joke among young pilots at flying school is that the PAF may eventually decide to outfit the light plane Cessoa, an Air Force trainer aircraft, with rockets, the junior officer said

"The Cessna's call sign is T-41D, where the D stands for Delta. [It might become] T-41D, as in Destroyer," he said, chuck-

### **Plaudits**

But in his speech at the anniversary ceremony, Lt. Gen. Jose had been programmed for this year. Reyes, the PAP commanding general, said the force still "looks to gain a wing that would take it beyoud the horizon and the dreams of every fighter pilot with it."

"After all, the [PAF] is still about credible decerrence, as much as it is, for the time being, about internal support," Reyes said.

in the meantime, the PAF has increased its operational readiness rate to "an everage all-time high of 75 percent."

Reyes credited the Air Logistics

Command and the 410th Maintenance Wing under Maj. Gen. Pernando Manalo and Brig. Gen. Alex Flores for providing the PAF "the capacity to return an increasing number of aircraft to frontlines in shorter periods of time." Reyes also hailed the PAF's

contributions to internal security operations and national development missions

He said the PAF had flown more than 1,700 national development sorties-mostly rammaking flights. civic action activities and other repef and rehabilitation missions.

He also said that up until the first quarter of the year, the PAF completed close to 2,000 search, rescue and retief missions, which included medical evacuation and mercy flights.

The keynore speaker, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz, said an MG-520 upgrade as well as the acquisition of 27 additional Huey choopers, night flying systems for the air crews, and air surveillance and communications equipment

### Source of pride

That the PAF is the "most conscirutionally grounded" military branch during the Arroyo administration's trying times is also something to be proud of, Reyes

"We have strengthened our troop information and dissemination networks to help our soldiers stay within the chain of command, and support the Constitunon," he said.

## Life is sweeter for new generation of sugar farmers

### From page Al

Philippines was importing sugar, the top export commodity just 50 years earlier when it won independence from the United States.

### Innovative ideas

Martin, who did not know cane from weed when she started out, roughed it out through the bad umes, and with her innovative business ideas has since turned the family farm into a success story.

Like other young planters, her modern methods have helped Philippine sugar production, which began during the long Spanish colonial era but grew into mass-scale cultivation in Ne gros under American sule.

"The '80s were really difficult times," recalled fellow planter Prancis de la Rama

He said the planters "all used to carry firearms' to protect themselves against the NPA guerrillas. But now, with the insurgency split

and in disarray, De la Rama tours his 100-hectare farm on the outskirts of Silay City without fent, clad casually in blue jeans and trainer shoes.

In his full-size pickup truck he carries a laptop, thto which yields

and inputs per plot are meticulously logged in a spreadsheet.

But now, the Malaysian Air

"We can no longer do what we

In a separate interview, a jumor

officer said he saw a bleak future

for the PAF unless the government

could do before. That is quite ob-

Force is stronger and far better

### Better than their parents

the Malaysians.

vious," he said

equipped than the PAE

With labor trouble gone, the planters focused on employing modern management techniques and scientific farming methods to rum the fading farms around.

The new breed of sugar planters had had more extensive formal schooling and broader horizons, said Leon Arceo, director of the Philippene Sugar Research Institute. in nearby Victorias City.

They're doing better than their parents," Arceo said, "They are innovative. They try new things."

Martin, who employed foreign experts to recommend what was best for her farm, said her first challenge was changing the mind-set of the workers who, like their ancestors on the farm, were inured to feudal conditions.

She aboushed the practice of farm hands borrowing money from the estare against future wages, and leased them 10 percent of the hacienda as well as tractors so they could grow their own grams and greens.

She also signed away ownership of their homes, though not

the land beneath them.

### Dignity

You cannot condemn them to a life of bondage. I wanted them to develop some dignity of their own," Martin said.

showed strong political will to up-

grade the force's efficiency in terms

to fly PAF aircraft because these

may not be safe. We have a skilled

crew, but it's not comforting to

hear that the planes get by with

the barest maintenance," he said.

The two men also said the Philip-

Some young pilots are afraid

of aircraft and equipment

Her husband, Luis Martin, who separately manages another sugar farm on the less fertile area of central Negros, added: "That way, they become more or less your partners. Thar's a good incentive for making them perform beyond their expectations."

The results have been startling. Sugar production case by nearly 44 percent to a record 2.34 million tons between 1998 and 2004, when sugar exports resumed.

Cane production in the latest crop year is up nearly 20 percent to 25.87 million tons. Modern farming methods, berter varieties, and skilled managers

have revived the 196,000 hectares of Negros cane fields that account for about 56 percent of the Philippines' total sugar output. Martin's 200-hectare farm holds the record with a yield of 12.5 tons

of refined sugar per hectare "Next year we expect a bumper

crop" of about 2.1 million tons, 8 times are causing some to hold the training in crop management. percent above the current crop year, Arceo said.

pines practically had no air defense,

especially after the F-Ss-the PAF's

"Freedom Fighters" and symbol of

air defense—were decommissioned

last year because repair work was

role of the Air Force is to perform

air defense," the ranking official

said. "Although we have a radar

In any country, the primary

nanced by liens imposed on sugar produce, the research institute that Arceo heads has helped drive the boom by developing more productive and pest-resistant varicties and advising planters.

Set up by the planters and fi-

### Transformation

Record-high sugar prices are transforming downtown Bacolod, the provincial capual, where the equat buildings have taken on fresh layers of candy-colored paint and cases and pastry shops thrive, re-Recting the buoyant mood of the island of 3.1 million people.

The nirport is packed with famthes headed for holidays abroad. A bigger terminal and runway are set to open next door to De la Rama's form next year.

Local dealerships report rapid sales of pickup trucks and sport uritary vehicles.

With record-high oil prices and amid record-high sugar prices. echanol is now seen by some here at potentially driving future demand.

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off on conspicuous consumption. "Most people here want new

cars," said Regina Martin, who uses soot from the sugar mills and biodegradable household refuse as fertilizer, "We buy tractors instead." But Arceo said the boom was

luding the problem of the decline in yields for sugar farms that were subjected to land reform. Negros now produces about 80

tons of cane per hectare, well above the world average of about 60 tons, but productivity is a lot worse in other augar-growing areas, porticularly in ryphoon-prone Luzon where the wer season is also shorter.

Arceo said the Philippines also had higher production costs because the tiny farm sizes discouraged mechanization. Eighty percent of the Negros cane farms now measure 10 hectares or less.

### Financing problem

Throughout Negros, land reform beneficiaries are strugglusg, according to Pred Barredo, a veteran cane farm technician from Victorias.

Unlike the better-educated planters, the beneficiaries are often former farm workers with lit-However, memories of the bad

The problem is financing, so they resort to loan sharks," Barredo told AP? "Their farms are usually the ones that are not well-managed" because they lack funds to lease tractors, buy fertilizers and control weeds.

Carabao-drawn piows cannot create furrows deep enough for the cane's optimum growth, he said

De la Rama said shifting to other crops was out of the question because only sugar had a guaranteed market bere-

He said the planters' associations were helping organize these small farmers into cooperatives so the farms could be run as bigger, single units to improve output.

Sugarcane is a plantation crop. You cannot cut it up into small pieces," said Martin.

Among the failed farms are those held by the beneficiaries of a 300-hectare plot in Pontevedra town that her father had volumteered for land reform.

"Now these beneficiaries are all coming back, asking to be taken back as farm workers," she said. AFP

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FOURTH OF JULY

Fireworks light up the sky above the the United States Embassy on Roxas Boulevard Tuesday night to celebrate the US Independence Day. In the Philippines, the fourth of July is marked as Fil-Am Friendship Day, which militarits say ring hollow in the light of, among other things, the alleged rape of a Filipina by four ANDHEZ Has

# Lomibao: Free at last

By Luige A. del Puerto

'FINALLY FREE.'

This was how former police chief Arturo Lomibao described how he felt on his first few minutes as a civilian after turning the reins of the Philippine National Police to his

Lomibao, who turned 56 yesterday and whose term as PNP chief was hounded by one crisis after another, said now he can contemplate marriage.

'I'm free from stress, free because of course I can (now) wake up at any time I want, free because I can now manage my time-unlike before when there is a schedule to follow—and I'm free because as the President said, I can now remarry," he said.

The soft-spoken Lomibao, a widower, did not elaborate.

'That (marriage) is another major decision. I will not say when it is going to be held, but it will come, maybe sooner than expected," he said.

Shortly after assuming the top police post last year, Lomibao had said he hoped to sertle down soon. His colleagues eagerly awaited for what would have been a rare occasion of witnessing a police chief say "I do."

But that plan might have been overtaken by events, so to speak.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD, Director Arturo Lornibao wishes his successor, Oscar Calderon, lots of luck during yesterday's turnover at Malacanang as President Arroyo looks on

Lomibao yesterday reministed lessons and some funny moments during his 16. Chase, in the hands of a "kerning cop" month term as PIVP chief.

"I think I am the only chief, PNP who is delivering a retirement speech without the benefit of having given an inaugural ad-

On March 14, 2005, Lornibao had to skip his own turnover ceremony after Abu Sayyaf detainees seized control of their derention quarters at Camp Bagong Diwa in Bicutan, Taguig, sparking a crisis that killed 23, including a Special Action Force prooper.

He said he learned numerous lessons during his stint as chief: Courage and faith, and compassion and leadership.

Lorribao said the experience of his son, s eyes to the realities of police-

men on the ground. Chase, he marrased, had just come from the hospital where he took his girlfriend when a cop flagged him down in Quezon

The cop gailed Chase and asked where

Not wanting to sound arrogant, Chase said he lives somewhere in Greenhills. When the cop asked specifically where, he first said "somewhere in Greenhills," then in "Crame" and finally, at the "White House," the official residence of the police chief.

This was how the conversation went, according to Louribao.

"So you know PNP chief Lomibao?" the

cop asked.
"Yes sir, he is my dad," Chase replied. "Olary just give me money for gasoline."

"Tonly have P30 in my wallet."

"Okay that will do."

Instead of assigning the cop to Mindange, Louribao sent him and 250 other members of the Quezon City mobile patros unit to Subic for a values formation and leadership serriman.

(The incident) gave me more reason to push for stronger stations—physically, mentally and spatinually -so that every officer who wears a badge can do the job withour having to compromise his principle or dignity just to get by," he said.

Lorribao said he was leaving his post confident that the PNP transformation program had taken root under his term. He urged his successor to "propagate its fruits."

Known for his "coolness" even under memendous pressure, Losubao never raises

In the days leading to his retirement, Lorribao said he was asked what he wanted to be remembered for.

"Not the more than 100 police stations we built during my term; not the solid allegiance to flag and democracy that helped withstand protests and destabilization ... but only one thing; that by all these that we have done for the service and for our country, I did my best to bring back the dignity of the uniform and the badge," he said.

### 'Nicole' tells her story before packed crowd today

By Volt Contreras

TODAY'S HEARING OF THE SUBIC RAPE CASE at the Marcati City Regiona, Tria, Court Branch 139 promises to be a packed session, with VIPs wanting to be present as the Filipino complainant takes the stand some six weeks into the landmark trial.

As the prosecution's 20th witness, "Nicole" is expected to detail her alleged ordeal on Nov. 1, 2005—being raped by an American Marine in a cruising van at the Subic Bay Freeport while three of his comrades cheered him on.

A court employee yesterday told the Inquirer that an unusually big number and variety of VIPs had phoned to request seat "reservations" at the City Hall's Old Session Hall, where the hearings are being held

Those who called include officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Presidential Commission on the RP-US Visiting Forces Agreement, and the US Embassy, other RTC judges and "some senators," the court employee said.

Blaming the victim

But if biogs, Internet chat rooms, or family conversarions are to be the gauge, Nicole is not doing all that well in the court of public opinion, according to Evalyn Ursua one of her lawyers

This means we have a long way to go in terms of educating the public about rape," the private prosecutor said.

Ursua said that per the "monitoring" done by volunteers, among them law students of the University of the Philippines who are assisting her in the case, Nicole is even being "blamed" for the al-

"Opinion is divided, and there's a significant number of blogs we have monitored that are against her or think she doesn't deserve support because she was drunk (on the night of the incident] and 'therefore' had it coming," Ursua told

Ursua said some of the law students helping give support to Nicole had also confided that "their own families think differently" of the complainant.

'They just [refuse to] get into an argument [with those family members] because they think it will be unproductive," the lawyer said.

She said these observations, particularly in the blogs, were made more disturbing by the fact that Phipino bloggers were predominantly young adults in the same age group as the 22-year-old Nicole.

"How can we address this classic victim-biaming?" she said.

### Myths, misconceptions

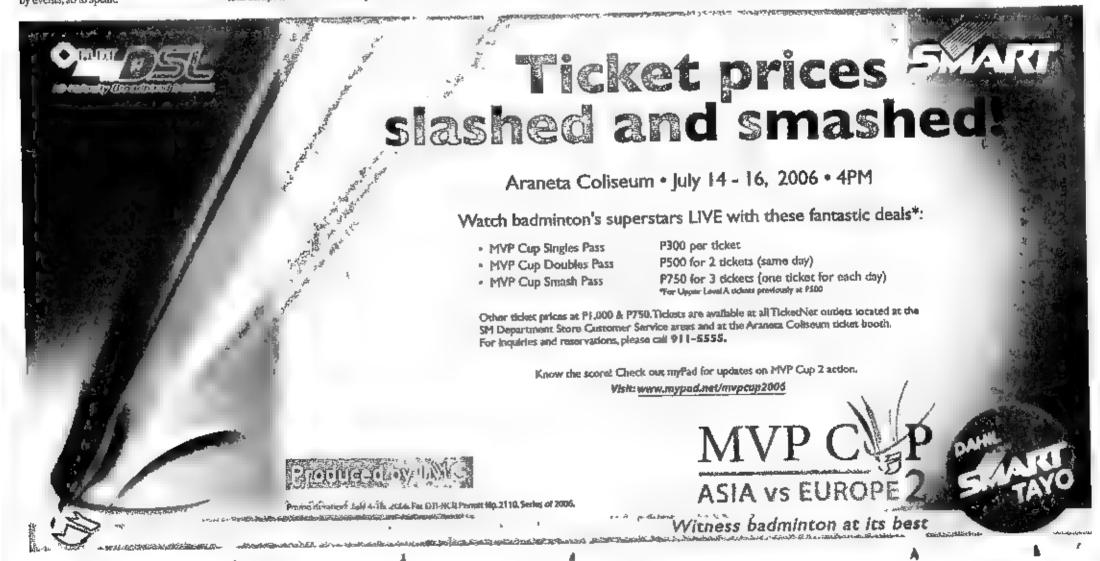
Ursua said the case, aside from being historic for involving American soldiers, had "brought to the fore the many prejudices and knee-jerk reactions of people."

"The usual myths and misconceptions about

rape have come out," she sald. One "myth" is that rape cannot possibly involve the use of a condom, Ursua said, alluding to the used condom found stuck in Nicole's panties when bystanders found her after the alleged abuse.

Another is that a rape victim who got herself drunk probably "wanted it" because she has "loose morals," and that only a "virginal woman" can credibly complain of rape, Ursua said.

She added: "So what does this thinking imply when we have a UP study showing that up to 70 percent of Filipino women who are young adults, or of Nicole's age, drink?"





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### Gay discrimination case vs school junked

### By Nancy C. Carvajal

AN ASSISTANT CITY PROSEcutor in Quezon City yesterday dismissed the first gay discrimination case filed against a Catholic school based in the city, citing similarities of the case's merits brought before the National Labor Relations Commission.

"The issues involved in the sion on the case case are related to the issues

could not be resolved until after the NLRC case has been finaily resolved." said City prosecutor Gibson Araula in his de-

Araula said the merits of the case could only be resolved after the NLRC has made a deci-

Marion Lacsamana filed a

of Miriam Coilege last year for alleged violation of a city ordsnance forbidding discriminanon against homosexuals.

Lacsamana also brought the matter to the NLRC, but the labor arbiter has yet to render a decision on the case.

Charged in the complaint were school president Patricia Licuanan, vice president for Academic Affairs Grace Dal-

gas, human resources chief Olivia Hagan and chief librarian Emelita del Rosario.

#### Contract

Lacsamana, a school librarian, filed the complaint after his contract was not renewed by the school management after he "wed" his male partner.

In his complaint, Lacsamana said the non-renewal of his

raised before the NLRC and criminal case against officials isay, associate dean Rosa Para- one-year contract was unfair and discriminatory because what he held was a tenure-tract position that enntied an employee to tenurial security once an employee passes the three-year probacionary period

According to the school officials, however, Lacsamana was employed under a one-year fixed term contract which had

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# Congress may be asked to look into PNU row

### Opposition continues vs new president

### By Tima G. Santos

SEEKING A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY could be the next step taken by the Philippine Normal University (PNU), now embroiled in a controversy over the choosing of its new president, to look into perceived loopholes of Republic Act 8292, the law governing state universities and colleges (SUCs)

This possibility was raised by Felice Yeban, professor at the PNU Department of Social Sciences, as opposition to the appointment of Lutgardo Barbo as the educational institution's new president continued.

### **BOR** selection

Another professor, who refused to be identified, claimed a high-ranking official of the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) acknowledged that the PNU Board of Regents (BOR) erred in selecting it—and it might also pressure their respective

its new president

#### **Politics**

"Definitely, somebody was behind all this. It's all politics. But it would mean loss of face or kahiyaan na if that person admits the mistake," the professor quoted the CHEd official

A lawyer working for a member of the BOR also reportedly said that if the BOR decided to correct the error, the decision could set a precedent for other SUCs.

The lawyer, one of the observers during the regents' meeting when the appointment of the new president was announced, reportedly said: "If the BOR withdrew its decision, other SUCs that might have had the same experience—their BOR choosing politics over mer-

BORs to do the same thing—change their de-

#### Requirements

Declaring that their opposition should not be viewed as a personal attack on Barbo, protesting faculty members and students alleged the BOR changed the minimum requirements for the presidency apparently to accommodate the new official.

The PNU is accredited as Level 4 SUC, thus, the president must have an appropriate doctoral degree. But the regents changed it to one who 'preferably' had a doctorate degree," another professor claimed.

"A lot of other SUCs are expenencing problems with their governing boards. Maybe it's time our lawmakers look into this," Yeban

### Fire leaves 200 families in Manila homeless

### By Margaux Ortiz

TWENTY HOUSES were destroyed and some 200 families were left homeless by a fire yesterday afternoon in a Musium community in Mani-

Three residents sustained minor inpuries during the incident

SFO1 Emmanuel Gaspar said the fire started around 12:50 p.m. at the abandoned two-story Asina Lodging House on Marayag Street, Islamic Center, Ourapo.

"Witnesses saw a woman enter the abandoned building 30 munutes before the fire started," Gaspar told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Gaspar said most of the affected families were transients

The injured were identified as Khan Lacman, Jober Banto and Saidan Min.

They were brought to the Mary Chiles Hospital In Sta. Mesa, Manua, for treatment.

The arson Investigator said the fire reached the fifth a.arm before it was put out at 1.47 p.m.

He added they had not yet determined the cause of the fire.

### Injuries

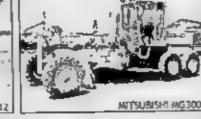
Lacman sustained lacerations on his left eyebrow,

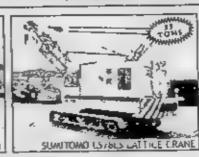
Banto had cuts on his right arm and legs while Min was injured on his right arm.

The houses razed in the fire were made of concrete and wood.









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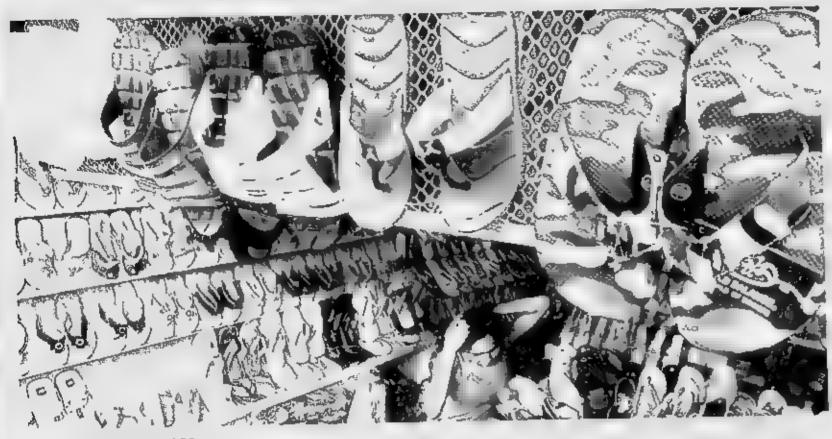
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Reading program in Munti MUNTINLUPA City students have a new morning habit. Right after the school bell rings, students In all public achools in the city are off to an early start reading a novel or a newspaper. The city's Department of Education division recently launched the "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR) program to teach the students the impor-



FLIPPING OVER FLIP FLOPS

Flip flops, the popular footwear worn by everyone from chic socialities to street urchins, are the principal items on sale in this store in Sucat, Paramaque City. Brisk sales of the casual stip-ons have been reported in classy boutiques and neighborhood corner stores.

# DOE campaign against illegal LPG trade practices gets boost from SC

By Abigail L. Ho

A RECENT SUPREME COURT decision has given the muchneeded "muscle" to the Department of Energy's campaign against illegal practices in the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)

Energy Secretary Raphael Lottila said yesterday that "the court's imprimatur," gave law enforcement agencies the confidence to run after people committing alegal practices

A Department of Energy circular sets penalties for "abu-

sive players" in the LPG industry Considered illegal practices are under-filling of cylinders; and tampering, altering or modifying of contamers by changing the valve, or repainting and re-labeling them.

Only legitimate owners of tanks could do these, according to the DOE.

### Illegal practices

Other illegal practices include unauthorized cylinder refilling, lack of trade name, use of unbranded cylinders, use of cylinders with no serial

with incorrect tare weight

DOE Circular No. 2000-06-010 imposes penalties ranging from fines of P500 per cylinder for the first offense, P10,000 per cylinder for the second offense, and possible closure of business establishment for the third offense

The circular was challenged in court by the LPG Refillers Association of the Philippines

The group alleged the circu-

number and tare weight or lar was unconstitutional and the LPG industry. confiscatory in nature.

In its decision, the high tribunal said Batas Pambansa 33, as amended, made illegal tradmg, adulteration, under-filling, hoarding and overpricing of petroleum products, criminal acts, the DOE said.

The DOE, Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Interior and Local Government and LGUs formed recently a muiti-agency task force for the strict enforcement of rules against iltegal and unsafe practices in

#### Violations

According to DOE data, 61 percent of LPG establishments inspected by the LPG Task Porce from January to May were selling unbranded cylinders, as well as underfilled and defective tanks with fake seals or no tare weights markings, serial numbers and appropriate

In 2005, 76 percent of inspected establishments record-

tence of reading. Under the new program, all public elementary and high school students are required to read for 10 minutes before their class? es begin in the morning. Teachers will pick out a best reader in each class every quarter. The award will be based on the number of stories or books each student has read. Or. Fe Faz, division superintendent, said the program is part of the Department of Education's Read a-Thon nationwide project. The program, according to Faz, is an effort to help solve the deteriorating quality of education in the country partly caused by poor reading habits. To boister the project, the local government has also launched a newspaper drive to raise funds for a mini library in each class-Josefyn R. Uy Nurse loses \$96,000 A 32: YEAR-OLD nurse who just returned from

working abroad was drugged and robbed of \$96,000 near her house in Quezon City on Tuesday noon, police said. Station 7 Desk Officer PG2 Marissa Lim said Josephine Catubig lost the dol; lars (equivalent to P50 million) to a businessman identified as Geronimo Geron. Police said the suspect, who had posed as dollar huyer, sprayed an undetermined chamical on the victim's face while inside his vehicle. Police said the victim claimed she worked part-time as a foreign exchange dealer and had made a previous transaction with the suspect prior to the incident, "Because she had previous dealings with the suspect, she readily boarded the vehicle," police said. But before the transaction could actually take place , police said the suspect allegedly took a canister and sprayed its contents on the victim's face "which made her drowsy." The victim was allegedly dumped by the suspect along N. Domingo comer Valencia St. not far from a police station. The victim, accompanied by her boyfriend, appeared to be distraught and knew little of what happened to her, barely giving details about the suspect and the incident, police said.

### New Marikina police chief

THE MARIKINA City police is scheduled to get a new police chief within the week, Eastern Police District Chief Supt. Charlemagne Alejandrino told the Incomes Cot. Sotero Ramos would be replacing Cot. Manuel Gaerian. Sotero is currently chief of the National Capital Region police office regional intelligence special operations office. Alsjandrino said Gaerian would probably be reas-Edson G. Tandoc Jr. signed to Camp Crame.

### Pasig mayor sets up new security force

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

PASIG CITY MAYOR VICENTE EUSEBIO. who has lost his police powers, has set up a security force directly under his office to implement city ordinances.

The new Batas ng Ciudad Enforcement Unit (BCEU) is composed of 249 operatives. But city hall officials gave the assurance the

unit would only "augment" the local police

The unit was formed through a city ordinance passed in March, a few days after the National Police Commission stripped Eusebio of his police powers following his decision to demolish a compound allegedly housing shabu dens five days after police raided the area. The shanties contained what was considered as evidence against suspected operators of the drug dens.

### City ordinances

The new security unit will enforce city ordinences, like those against illegal squatting, smoking, listering, gambling, public drinking, electricity theft and illegal drugs.

Assistant head SPO4 Cecilio Santos told the INQUIRER that hiring was ongoing to meet the original plan of having at least 400 operatives for the unit that became fully operational only last Monday.

### Rigid screening

We had rigid screening procedures. We also trained the recruits on city ordinances, as well as traffic management," Santos, a police officer with the City Hall Detachment, said

The operatives are divided into bike and motorcycle patrollers, mobile patrollers and police precinct patroliers.

They get a monthly allowance of P5,082 each. In the ordinance, which created the group, the city council appropriated more than P41 million to cover the salary and benefits of the enforcement group.

### Limited manpower

Eusebio earlier told the INQUIRER the BCEU was his way of helping the local police which, because of limited manpower, could not focus on enforcing city ordinances.

The mayor said the unarmed BCEU operatives could arrest violators of city ordinances.

Pasig City Police chief Senior Supt, Francisco Uyamı also confirmed that BCEU operatives were already deployed in the police

Big help

lawmen can now concentrate on fighting

### New PNP chief very approachable, say colleagues



### HELP GINALYN MOLAR

The parents of one-year-old Ginalyn Molar are appealing for medical assistance from kindhearted readers. According to doctors from the Philippine Heart Center at East Avenue Medical Center, Ginalyn Molar needs surgery for the correction of patent ductus arteriosus and coartation of the aorta as soon as possible. Interested donors may contact 0918-5608977. Donations may also be sent directly to Gina Molar's account at Equitable Savings Bank account # 0755-09358-0.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know that half of the robbery incidents in the country (536 out of 1,006 cases) during the first quarter of 2006 occurred in Metro Manila?

Robbery incidents in Metro Manila soared by 51 percent from 355 cases in the first quarter of 2005 to 536 in the first quarter of 2006, according to figures from the Ph.lippine National Police.

Robbery cases accounted for 44 percent of street crimes committed in the National Capital Region in the first quarter. The second most popular crime was possession and use of illegal drugs (335)

out of 1,214 cases of street crimes). Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research

THE NEW CHIEF OF THE PHILIP pine National Police (PNP), Oscar Calderon, always wears a smile that has endeared him not only to his colleagues but also to civilians as well.

Madaling lapitan ng mga sibilyan (highly approachable to civilians)," is how retired police colonel Wally Sombero, a former colleague at the defunct Criminal Investigation Service (CIS), describes Ca.deron.

"Self-effacing" and "a team player," is how retired two-star police general Lucas Managuelod, Calderon's former boss at the CIS and PNP Recom 4, describes the new PNP chief.

"He's not a grandstand player, Mon. He is decisive but mericulous, an excellent criminal investigator, and an operations man," Managuelod adds.

Another virtue the new PNP chief has is being a doting husband

"Apart from his work, his family comes first," says Managuelod.

From what this writer has gathered about Calderon, he never flaunted his being a relative of President Macapagal-Arroyo although he has always been seen with Ms Arroyo since she was still senator

He never denies or confirms his blood relations with the President whenever he is asked how he is related to the Commander-in-Chief.

Here's a piece of unsolicited advice to Calderon: If he wants civilians to love him more and trust in the police again, he should act on complaints filed by



ordinary citizens against cops. Many complaints by civilians

are not acted upon in the various units within the PNP.

I should know. As a public service show host, I've referred many complaints by civilians against cops to the various units of the PNP, as well as to the National Police Commission. Most of these complaints are practically rotting on the shelves.

What Calderon might want to do is to order the administrative cases on erring cops speeded up.

The newly-appointed PNP chief might also want to look into the activities of some members of the Management

Some TMG members are in cahoors with car thieves. There was that TMG officer in Central Luzon who released recovered stolen vehicles to a car theft suspect

There is a syndicate within the TMG that causes the approval of clearances of stolen vehicles. Afterwards, the same gang apprehends and confiscates the same vehicles from unsuspecting buyers.

This syndicate has long been operating within the TMG

There is talk that erstwhile PNP chief Arturo Lomibao may be given the top post of the Na-tional Bureau of Investigation

And why not? Lomibao is very much qualified for the job since his expertise is intelligence and investigation work, which is what the NBI is all about.

As to the argument that he's not a lawyer, well, the best chief that the NBI has ever had, the late Col. Jose Lukban, was not a

The late retired police general Reynaldo Wycoco, an efficient NBI chief, was not a lawyer too.

Here's good news about that Grade V pupil who was raped by her science teacher at the Bagong Barrio Elementary School In Caloocan City.

Tomas Gayatao, 42, was arrested Tuesday by Caloocan City cops based on a warrant issued by a

Gayatao will have to remain in rail for the duration of the trial since rape is a non-ballable of-

Gayatao's arrest and detention were made possible through the efforts of my staff at "Isumbong Mo (Tulfo Brothers)" TV program.

The "Isumbong" staff members knocked at the door of the Caloocan City Prosecutor's Office to expedite the preliminary investigation of the rape case that was taking so long to resolve.

### 500 Valenzuela firms without business permits closed

### By Nancy C. Carvajal

MORE THAN 500 ESTABLISHments in Valenzuela City were ordered closed for not having the required business permits requirements, thus indirectly making its customers at risk, according to the head of a task force created to run after viola-

"We have to close the shops

of those who have not acquired business permits to protect their clients from possible danger," said Edward Paustino. chief of the city's Business Permits Enforcement Tax Force.

Faustino explained that without the necessary business permits required by the city, their men would not have the chance to inspect the safety facilities on the premises of these

establishments, if any.

"There's no way for us to know if they also have complied with fire department regclations where a fire exit is a must, or in the case of restaurants, if sanitary standards had been followed," he said. Raustino said at least half of

the 8,000 business establish-

ments in the city had not ac-

quired business permits for

various reasons.

Among those ordered closed were plastic and slippers factories, warehouses, restaurants and junk shops that had been operating for years, Paustino

He added that the task force would not spare any establishment, including sori-sori (variery) stores, but noted that these small stores had the high-

est rara of compliance when it comes with the required per-

He also said that after three written warnings, the establishments were given five days to process their papers before an order for temporary closure is issued by Mayor Sherwin Gatchallan, based on the task force's recommenda-

They have been a big help to us since our street criminals while they (BCEU operatives) take care of local ardinances," Uyami

# The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

### Israel vows to retaliate for rocket attack Gaza militants fire at center of a major city for the first time

GAZA CITY—PRIME MINISTER EHUD OLMERT PLEDGED ond time in a week, the Israeli military said. school in Gaza City. No one was hurt. stiff retaliation for a rocket attack from Gaza on an Israeli city, the first time militants have reached the heart of a population center, with Israel already stepping up its weeklong offensive in the seaside territory.

Olmert called the rocket fire on the soldier passed with Israel rejecting de-coastal city of Ashkelon Tuesday a "major mands to release Palestinian prisoners. escalation," coming just hours after a deadline set by the militants holding an Israeli

Early Wednesday, Israeli aircraft imgeted the Palestinian Interior Ministry for the sec-

Witnesses saud missiles but the main structure again and damaged a building next to the ministry. Rescue workers said five people were wounded.

The two top floors of the main building collapsed, and the second building, which provides housing for ministry employees, was set on fire, witnesses said.

In other attacks early Wednesday, Israeli aircraft fired missues at a Ha nas camp in southern Gaza and a Hamas-affiliated

Israel's Security Cabinet was to meet later Wednesday, and Army Radio reported it would approve sending forces into populated parts of northern Gaza in response to the rocket attack. "As far as I'm concerned, the people of (northern Gaza towns) Belt Hanoun and Beit Lahiya can start packing," said Cabinet Minister Zeev Born.

The rocket fired by Gaza militants Tuesday flew 12 km and exploded in the courtvard of a school in Ashkelon, a city of

110,000 on Israel's seacoast north of Gaza. School security cameras showed a targe cloud of white dust rising from the point of impact. The school was empty at the time and no one was hurt.

Though militants have launched many of the small, homemade rockets in the direction of Ashkelon, thus was the first one to hit the center of the city, displaying a longer range than most previous ones and bringing the threat of rocket barrages to a major israeli population center for the first time. AP

### Mexico leftist threatens street protests over vote

wing presidential candidate wants every single vote recounted and is threatening to call street protests as he fights an election result giving a razor-thin victory to his conservative rival.

Senior aides to Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a combative former mayor of Mexico City, said on Tuesday they want a recount of Sunday's tight election to include every vote cast, not just the ballot returns reported by polling stations.

Lopez Obrador is first taking his challenge to election authorities but the aides said he could then bring out supporters to back his fight against results that just favor his

ruling party rival, Feape Calderon.
"We have full confidence that if the votes are counted, we will win the election," said Manuel Camacho Solis, the leftist's main political op-

Mexico now faces two months of legal wrangling over the results, and the threat of street protests has

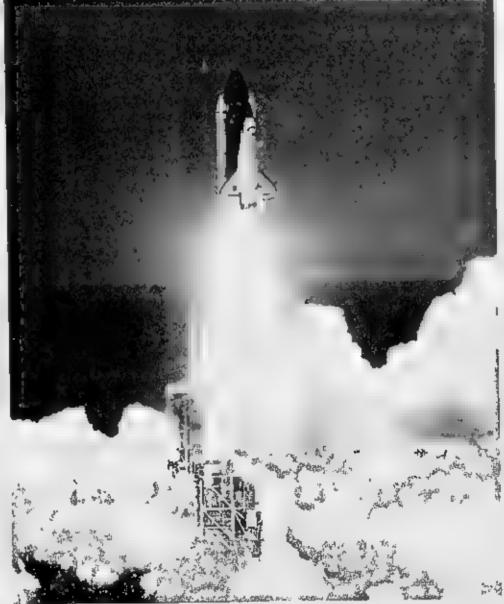
MEXICO CITY-MEXICO'S LEFT- raised fears of political unrest in a young democracy that is key to US interests over immigration, drug smuggling and security.

Left-wing militants remember a 1988 election when fraud was almost certainly robbed their candidate of victory and some are pushing Lopez Obrador to take his cause to the streets now.

"People don't want negotiation, they don't want us to accept the resuit but we have to guide the movement politically so it doesn't end up in a greater confrontation," Camacho Solis told Reuters.

Preiminary returns Calderon 36.38 percent of the vote, 1 percentage point or about 400,000 votes ahead of Lopez Obrador, although the Federal Electoral Institute, or IFE, ordered a recount of poiling station returns this

Lopez Obrador says 3 million votes were not accounted for and he refused to accept the preliminary



THE SPACE shuttle Discovery lifts off from launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida July 4. The Discovery shuttle rocketed seven astronauts into orbit on a pivotal mission for US space ambitions amid persistent concerns about safety since the 2003 Columbia tragedy.

### Discovery blasts off into space

CAPE CANAVERAL-THE DISCOVERY shuttle rocketed seven astronauts into orbit Tuesday on a pivotal mission for US space ambitions until persistent concerns about safety since the 2003 Columbia tragedy.

Nasa officials were elated about the flawless launch and later were very pleased with the performance of the sharde's external fuel tank, whose loss of foam insulation during afroffs has vexed Nasa since the debris cause Columbia's demise in 2003.

Images showed that Discovery shedsmall pieces of debris a few minutes after. launching at 2.38 p.m., too late to threaten the orbiter, a top Nasa official said. Officials had expected small pieces of debris to peel off.

"The tank performed very well this time," space shuttle program manager Wayne Hale told reporters five hours after Discovery blasted off in a glorious cloud of white smoke from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on US Independence Day.

He said there was no concern for the seven Discovery astronauts' safety in just the second shuttle flight since the Columbia accident.

"We don't seen any concern for the orbiter." Hale said. He said it was unclear if the debris was foam insulation or ice produced by the fuel tank's supercold pro-

Nasa had cleared the Discovery Jaunch despire finding a small crack in foam insulation on the fuel tank on the eve of the aunch. Officials said the fissure posed no threat to the shuttle.

### 2005 Bali blast suspect says he was brainwashed

Southeast Asia's most wanted terror suspect ahead of the attacks and creating a website promoting holy war-but claimed he did so only after being brainwashed

Abdul Azis, 30, rold the Denpasar District Court on Tusday that he met Malaysian terror fugitive Noordin Top 10 times in Central Java's Pekalongan village in the months leading up to the Oct. 1 suicide bombsigs that left 20 people dead.

Azis provided few details, but his indictment said Noordin convinced him to design a website that called on Islamic militants to wage war against infidels and provided details

BALL-AN ISLAMIC MILITANT about other terror attacks. Azis was on trial for the 2005 Bah bomb also asked to make a logo for the ings has admitted to meeting site and to modify a personal comnurer so it could be used as a televi-

> Azis said he did not go to police even though he suspected the man was Noordin-wanted for a string of at-Qaida-linked terrorist attacks across the predominantly Muslim nation-because his persuasive powers were too great to resist.

"I do not agree with suicide bombing or fighting against other religions," said Azis, one of four defendants facing trial for the bombings on three crowded restaurants. "Maybe he was using black magic. He has an extraordinary charisma... more than my father."

### Iraqi deputy minister freed after 10-hour kidnapping

and his 19 bodyguards were kidnapped by gunmen in broad daylight Tuesday and heid for 10 hours before being released. It was the second high-profile abduction in a week despite a massive security crackdown in Bagh

Iraqi Justice Minister Hashem al-Shibli, meanwhile, catted for United Nations intervention in the probe into an alleged rape and murder of a woman and three members of her family by US

BAGHDAD-AN IRAQI DEPUTY MINISTER soldiers in March. The US military also said Tuesday it killed an al-Qarda operative suspected of bombung a bustling Shifte market in Baghdad tast week that left 66 people dead in one of the

> worst attacks this year Deputy Electricity Minister Raad al-Hareth and his bodyguards were in four cars when they were ambushed by gummen wearing security forces uniforms in the eastern Baghdad neighborhood of Talbiyah, a security official said.

At 7 p.m., Hareth was released together with

seven of his bodyguards—but he refused to say who had taken him or where he had been.

It was the second high-profile abduction within a week after Sunni female MP Taiseer Najeh Awad al-Mashhadani and her eight bodyguards were snatched on Saturday in Baghdad

Mashhadard belongs to the National Concord Front, the largest Sunni Arab bloc in Iraq's 275 member parliament. Demanding her release, the Sunni bloc has boyconed parliamentary proceedings for the past three days.

### World powers await Iran's response to nuclear offer

BRUSSELS—THE EU'S TOP nuclear watchdog. diplomat and Iran's chief nuclear negotiator were to hold potentially pivotal talks here Wednesday on whether Tehran might be prepared to curb its nuclear ambitions.

The talks between EU foreign policy chief Javier Soiana and negotiator Alı Larijani are expected to explore whether fram is ready to accept a package of economic and political incentives in exchange for suspending uranium enrichment.

Some in the West fear that the Islamic republic is trying to covertly develop nuclear weapons under the guise of a civilian atomic programme, but the government in Tehran maintains that it only wants to generate electricity.

The meeting in Brussels, scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm, comes almost a month to the day after Solana delivered the nuclear offer, drawn up by the five permanent members of the UN Security Councli plus Germany.

It is a diplomatic route chosen after the United States and its allies struggled to convince China and Russia to boost the powers of the International Atomic Energy Agen cy (IAEA) after Iran defied the UN's

Amid increasingly heated rhetoric, Soiana, who will hold telks with officials from the six world powers before and after meeting Larijans, expects the meeting to provide a first clear sign about Iran's intentions.

"We have to make sure that the Iranians have dearly understood what we are offering them, and that they get answers if they have questions," his spokesperson, Cristina Galinch, said Tuesday.

"The clearer their response is, the quicker we will be able to go toward negotiations," she said, but added that any substantial tacks at the level of experts would be unlikely before September.

That could come as bad news for Russian President Vladimir Putin, who had hoped to announce the start of negotiations at a meeting of the Group of Eight industrial pow-

ers in Saint Petersburg next week. Iron is unlikely to accept being bullied into meeting any deadane.

Larijani was quoted Tuesday as saying that his government might be ready to respond to the offer in early August, while Iran's bardline President Mahmoud Ahmadanejad has set Aug. 22 as a date,

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### 40th bird flu death in Indonesia

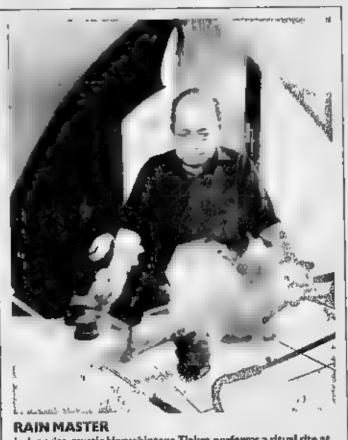
JAKARTA---Indonesia is on track to record the world's highest number at lata it as from bird flu lafter health officials confirmed Tuesday that a live-year-old boy was the country's 40th victim of the virus Tests for the H5N1 virus on the latest victim carried out by a World Health Organization-linked laboratory came back positive, senior health min, stry official Harlyadi Wibisono told AFP, "Rasults from tests on a five-year-old boy from Tulungagung, East Java, have been confirmed by the WHO-affiliated laboratory in Hong Kong." he said, adding that the boy had died after eight days of hospital treatment. Reports suggest that he had been in contact with dead chickens," he

### Spain rail crash blamed on excess speed

VALENC A-Excess spead caused a fatal metro train accident in the Spanish city of Valencia, a regional minister said Tuesday, and there are suggestions the train driver may have been ill or unconscious at the controis. At the moment of the accident on Monday, in which 41 people died, the black box recorder showed the train was traveiling "too fast", at 80 km on a curve on which there is a speed limit of 40 km an hour, regional nfrastructure Minister Lose Ramon Garcia Anton told reporters in Valencia. "All other possibilities (to explain the accident) are ruled out, " he ...

### CIA disbands anti-bin Laden unit

WASHINGTON---The C.A has disbanded a unit set up in the 1990s to. oversee the spy agency's hunt for Osama bin Laden and transferred its duties to broader operations that track islamini militant groups, a US Intelligence official said on Tuesday, The Bin Laden unit, codenamed Alec Station, became less valuable as a separate operation as counterterrorism operations eliminated top al-Dardz operatives and the movement's focus shifted more to regional networks of militania said he official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Al-Caida is no longer the hisrarchical organization that I was before 9-11 Threequarters of its senior leaders have been killed or captured," said the official, referring to the US-ed response to the Sept. \$1 attacks.



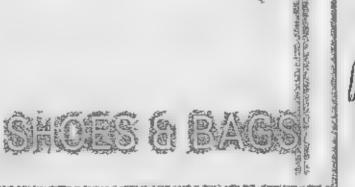
Indonesian mystic Haryobintoro Tjakra performs a ritual rite at his house in Jakarta, June 29. Tjakra is one of Jakarta's most powerful "pawang hujan," rain master, keeping the clouds at

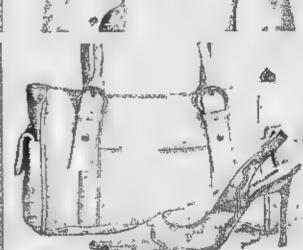
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# Italy ousts host Germany with two late goals

DORTMUND, GERMANY-FOR NEARLY two hours, Germany probed, Italy held firm and penalty kicks seemed inevitable.

Then with two stunningly swift strikes in the last two minutes, Italy unraveled it all-the tension, the match, the Germans dream of lifting

the World Cup trophy in Berlin.
First came the left footed shot that Fabio Grosso twisted into the far side of the net in the 119th minute. Then Alessandro Del Piero clinched the 2-0 win a minute later with a counterattacking goa, as the Germans pressed frantically to equalize.

"Italy deserved to win," Italy coach Marcello Lippi said. "We controlled the play more than Germany did and, in the end, we got these two great goals, which allowed us to avoid the roulette of a penalty shoot-out."

Tuesday's win came as scandal tears apart the national sport back home. But an investigation into match-fixing has not proven a distraction --- the Italians keep prowing through soccer's premer event, allowing only a single own goal m

Now the Italians head to Bertin for Sunday's final in search of their fourth title. They'll play the winner of Wednesday's Portugal France

"We have a great group," Grosso said. "We've beaten some very good teams."

Not least Germany, a squad that was supposed to be too young and inexpenenced to chailenge for this trophy, yet performed superbly.





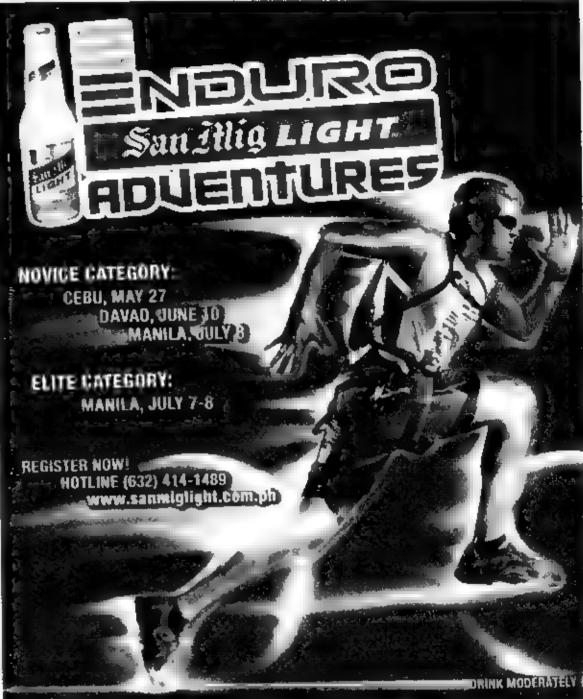
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In handing the Germans their first loss in 15 games at Dortmund, the Azzurri also remained undefeated in five World Cup meetings with Germany—this was their third win to go with two draws. Italy is unbeaten in 24 games since

The swift end to this one was stunning. Germany had pressured for the game's last hour and slowly stretched the tight Italian defense.

As Italy tired, Germany captain Michael Ballack directed the attack. The Germans found room where before there was none, creating space-and chances.

In the 63rd minute, Lukas Podolski received the ball with his back to the goal, then turned and fired. Italy goalkeeper Gianhugi Bulfon parried bail and Arne Friedrich rocketed a rebound







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### **SPORTS**

# Alaska bags 11th third place trophy

#### By June Navarre

MINE CORTEZ DIDN'T LET ALASKA'S menidani debade rain his entire season.

Cortex redeemed hurself following a mediocre performance in Game 7 of the stratinals by leading the Aces to a 102-95 win over the San Miguel Beermen last night in their buttle for third place in the Gran Araneta Conscura

The former La Salle standout fired 25 points, including eight straight in the closing minutes as the Aces rallied for the victory that somehow erased the memory of their pennful serves loss to Purefoods

"It (the loss to Purefoods) was very humbling, painful and mystifying," said Alaska

Metador Brandy PBA Philippine Cup at the conch Tim Cone after steering the Acer to their 11th second-runner-up trophy "But how we got there was something I was proud of"

The Aces were runked third after the clasaification round and booted out the Coca-Cola Tigers in the quarterfinals to advance into the semis where they led the best-ofseven series, 3-1

probable three-game awarp to set up a championship clash with Red Bull.

"It happens in a bastetbal game. You have a good run then you suddenly hit a brick wall and it's devastating at times," said Cone, whose contract with the Aces will expire at month's end. Every thing is still up in the air until the 11-time champion coach tits

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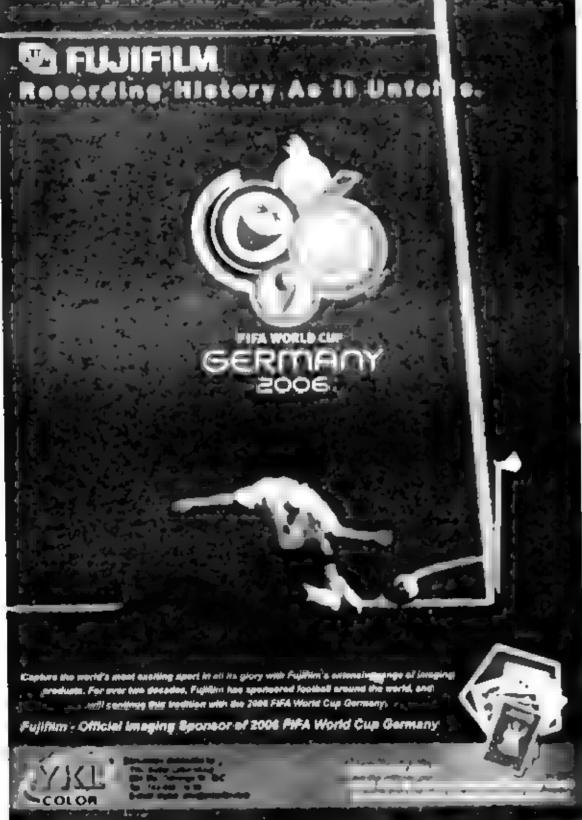
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### Tagaytay hosts NBC semis

TAGAYTAY CITY: THE FOUR MEST NORTHern and southern division teams in the 2006. Guerrero Brandy-NBC national baskerba.l. championship begin their best-of three crossover semifinal series today at the International Convention Center here

Mayor Bambol Tolentino's Batang Tagaytay will test defending champion Ozamiz Cotta Shrine at 1:30 p.m. while the Spring Cooking O. Parafrague cagers of NBC president Nathamel "Tac" Padina and Vice Mayor Anjo Yliana will go up agamst expansion team Pagadian at 3 30

The Cotta Shrine casers of Mayor Revnaudo Perojinog are slightly favored over the hosts. The Cooking Oi, Masters and Mayor Sammy Co's Explorers are expected to figure in a nipand-tuck contest

Games 2-and 3, if necessary-in the series will be played in the south (Ozamix

This is the first time in the tourney that the top two teams in two divisions were pitted against each other. In the past, the top teams dispute the division tities with the winners clashing for the NBC national crown

"This way, the charripion team can proudly say it's truly the best," said N&C sec gen Tito Palma of the innovation in the tourney sponsored by Panasome, Sulpicio Lines, Nature's Spring, Moken, Spring Cooking Oil, Regent Foods, Firefly Lightings and Prime Channel

Oxamiz pins its hopes on Marton Basco and Billy Banzi, white Nino Marquez, Arden Guivab and Rodei Mallari tend Taxaytax

Marvin Ortiguerra, Larry Rodriguez, Danmy Capobres, Aldrin Morante and Mar Reyes banner Spring Parañaque while ex-pros Peter Naron, Michael Orquillas and Bong Marata will carry the load for the Explorers.

### Gomez joining IPT qualifying



ROBERTO GOMEZ, DUBBED AS "Superman" because of his steely nerves in money games, will compete in a qualifying event of the International Pool Tour on Aug. 1-3 at Corpus Christi in Texas

The qualitiers will advance to the main draw on Sept 2-10 at Reno Histon in Reno, Nevada. Au qualifiers are assured of at least \$5,000 while the IPT winner will get \$350 000

"It's a big honor to be invited to a big event in the US. I just hope I will be at tucky as my stable. mates," said Gomez, who belongs to a group, which includes Dennis Orcollo, Gandy Valle and Ronnie Alcano, supported by businessman Perry Manano

"I hope he gets his US visit in time," said Mariano, noting that Orcono and Gabies took some time to get their visas

### **Pichay** chess slated

GRANDMASTER Mark Paragua and International Master Oliver Dimakiling are among those inining the 3rd Prospero Pichay Sc Memorial open chass lournament stated Aug. 12-14 in Capitlan. Surigao del Sur Peragua, the country's highest ranked player and Dimakiling back to-back champion of the Olympic Festival and the recent Ozamiz Chess Open, have signitied their intention to join the toursament honoring the late father of National Chess Federation of the Phillippenes president Congressman Prospero "Butch" Pichay, The organizing Friends of Pichay bared that a lothi of P100,000 will be at stake in the nine round Swiss System tournament. Also are sected to com the event stated before Cantilan & town flesta on Aug. 15 are IM Barlo Nadera and NM Emmanuel Sensuor second and third respectively. In Ozamiz Tournament derector Cesar Caturia eard prizes will be broken down to the top 15 Call Caturia at 0928-7132397

### **Escoses** in semis

TOP-BANKED LLOYD Escoses and former champion lan Plencenaves arranged a semifinal showrlows in the men's division of the eite masters of the JVC Open Badminton Championships after pulling off contrasting victories at Giorietta Makat, City vesterday. Excount, a Far Eastern University standout overwheimed Ower Lopus of BCM, with a valiety of shots and power game for a 21-12, 21-14 victory Plencenaves, who ruled this rournament in 2003, bested PAF's Rodel Bartolome, 21-13, 15-21 21-14

### Petron tackwondo goes to Marbel

AROUND 500 MALE AND FEMALE JINS ARE EXPECTED TO VIE FOR honors in the Patron Mindanao Taakwondo Championships set on July 8 in Marbell South Cotabato, Philippine Taxkwondo Association president Robert N. Aventajado said the event will coincide with the staging of the city's Tinalak Festiva. Organizing committee chair Robert. Joshua Danzo said the event supported by Petron, Acce and Ph. ppine Sports Commission, is part of PTA's grassroots program. The event will be featured on Tackwondo TV hosted by Monsour del Rosane and John Paul Lizardo every Sunday From 9 30 to 10 a.m. over RPN 9

### RP Hiso Cycling Cup set in Baras

PHILIPPINE TEAM MEMBERS AND RIDERS FROM CONTINENTAL THACE YEAM will join the second edition of the RP Filso Cycling Cup Bike Rush in Baras on Satwritey in front of the Baras Municipal Hell. Tace organizer-sports patron Rolando Hiso said cash prizes and trophes are at stake for the 60-irm event managed by race director Berling Rosales, Wilbur Dee and chair Rudy Francisco of Merikins. Cycling Club. The event, hosted by Baras Mayor Willie Robies, Vice Meyor Armingot Pilapii and councilors Ramos Matignas, Mario Mendoza, Emen Glaño, Renate Jagas, Nick Liegas, Jojo Elago and Edgar Follente and Barangay League's Wilmer Eago, serves as a qualifier for the international cycling meet in the US.

### LPC Fastest Win event today

today with more than 200 small-time cockers and breeders vying for the guarantend prize of P200,000. Due to the big number of lights, the event will be extended until midnight, according to collecum menager Alex Tobas. Today's hosts are Denders and Monching Ignacio of Cavite, Lined up at LPC tomorrow is the Kumbidahan Hackfight to be hosted by Danny Alejo. Meanwhite, the annual Law Piñas 6-stag derby will be held on Aug. 24 and 26 with former Mayor Nene Aguillar as host For details, call 8731040 and 8743910

Roligon derby round three up

ROUND THREE OF ROLLGON MEGA COCKPIT'S HATAWAN SA TAG. ULAN 6cook derby rages at 5 p.m. today with BO fights lined up. After two days of action. 33 participants with two points each have qualified to the championship round on July 11. Those who samed two wins last Toesday were Capt. Emil Chisa (Concrete Breaker), Life Tiu (Michael Farms), Osang data Cruz (Goldquest Champions). Boy Marzo (DMRR), Terry Sentos (King Rafael). Rep. Conrad Estrella (Constar 885 j. James Wolf (Magic Touch Bagong Silang), Princess Naido (XR 86) and Marcel Juleo (MTv Bros). Becked by Lalopue Drug Inc. and Thunderbird Enertone, this derby states P3.5M. Cell 8512275, 8331638 and 8529612 (Shirley or Johns,

Big prizes in Sta. Ana cockfest

& G PRIZES AWAIT THE WINNERS IN THE FASTEST WIN ONE- COCK w utan at Stal Ana Cockpit (A. P. Reyes Avenue, Makati City) on Seturday. More than 100 entries are expected, said host Amor Salvanera who put up a guaranteed prize of P100,000. Registration fee is P1,100. The fastest win champion will receive P30,000 Last July 1 156 entries were reg stered in the Fastest Win One - Cock Litatan hosted by pit manager Butchey Osano For info. call 898-3474 and 898-3475

Fil-Ams join Korea beach volley

THE PHILIPPINES' SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES BRONZE MEDAL WINNING FAIR of Fil-Americans Heidi Bustre and Dwne Pascua will compete in the Korea Beach Volteyball Tournement in a bid to earn points that will qualify them to the 2006 Bel ling Olympics in China, National Beach Volley head coach Olie Camangian said liusing and Pascua were able to get a slot in line all-first world country beach voltage tournament, an FIVE satelille beach volleyball circuit. "It was actually an all 1st world country teem tournament," said Carnengian. "The reason why our teem were able to participate was because of Diene's friend in the LIS who informed her of the



WINDOERS: IVAN Careport (third from left), winner of the second round of the 2006 Rotax Invitational Challenge held at the Carmons Racing Circuit, with (from left) Stolano Harcolo, lifth; Alessandra. Madriani, third; Donal Clask, second; and Marion Steckinger; Sourch.

### SPORTS

# Knights dump Bombers; Dolphins repulse Altas

#### By Mart Anthony Reyes

LETRAN SURVIVED A BIG FOURTH quarter scare to escape with a 74-70 decision over Jose Rizal University yesterday for its third straight win in the NCAA men's basketball tournament at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium

The defending champion Knights saw their 12-point advantage reduce to 70-72, with only 4.3 seconds to go on free throws by Carlos Fenequito then Bomber Floyd Dedicatoria forced a jump on Rafael Jazul with just 1.1 seconds re-

But JRU blew its chance when John Wilson threw away the inbound. Veter-

an point guard Boyer Bautista was fouled on the next play and his two charities finalized the count

Later in the day, Lei Mar Navarro hit two free throws in the last three seconds as Philippine Christian University edged Perpetual, 66-63, for its third GAMES TOMOFROM

The Dolphus improved to 3.1 and took solo second spot. The Airas absorbed their secand loss in three games while the Bombers still stood last at

Earlier, the Light Bombers downed 5, Santo 4, Balgu 4, Santos 2, Gatem 2, Salam D. the Squires in a high-scoring game, 110-98, to stay on top with two wins in as many outings. The Squires fell to 0-3.

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Gacoco of JRU yestarday.

**BOYET Bautista of Letran slips past Marc Terence** POLITHOTO/ERK ARVZAS

### Hillsborough tops Nokia Cup

HILLSBOROUGH ASSEMBLED A 288 aggregate to beat La Vista at the close of the 2006 Noria Cup intervillage golf tournament at Cangolfs south course Tuesday

Nicolas Camcam finished with the maximum 40 points to lead Hillsbotough in the Stableford scoring system of the 36-hole elimination round Philip Brodett and Edward Puno tossed in 39 points aptece, while Vic Guzman and Denck Gamboa posted 38 points each.

Rounding up the team scores were Rene Cuchon (34), Greg Atienza (30) and Darmy Olanosa (30). Hillsborough pooled a 288 for a 593 total as it ruled the Nokia 2 of the three-division meet among the gotting villages in the metropolis. La Vista shot the day's best score of 290, but settled for second place with a 589 total. Third-placer Tahanan (274-569) and Xavierville (279-547) also advanced to the finals.

### **HK-China** halts RP ir shuttlers

#### By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINES' WINNING RUN IN THE team event ended Tuesday night following a 3-0 loss to Hong Kong-China in the fourth round of the Asian junior badminton champsonships in Kuala Lumpur.

After posting shutout victories in the first three rounds, the RP shuttlers found their march in the Chinese players who played at a level way above the Filipino youngsters.

Kevin Tim Ang surrendered a 14-21, 12-21 decision to Wong Shu KI in the boys' singles and Raquel Guerrero lost to Chan Taz Ka, 11-21, 11-21, in the girls' singles. Bryan Chan and Racher Guerrero fell to Lau Chu Yin and Yeung Hin Tung, 23-25, 15-21, in the mixed doubles.

"We only have modest expectations in this tournament because all the best young players in the region are here," said RP head reach Errol Chan. "At least our guys were able to range themselves against the best players and now we know where we stand '

The Philippines routed Jordan, Cambodia and Pakistan in the first three rounds which, according to Chan, is an achievement in itself considering that the RP shuttiers don't get to compete internationally as often as their rivals.

The Philippines scored a S-O win over Pakistan Monday night

Ang whipped Mukad Ali, 21-15, 21 11, in the boys' singles before Raquel Guerrero ripped Sara Khan, 21 11, 21-7, in the girls' side. Ang and Chan teamed up for a 21-14, 21-17 victory over Murad Ali and Zaran in the boys' doubles.



DEFENDING champion Jolet [ao (No. 1) paces Benjo Mendoza (No. 100) and Rod Chua (No. 8) as they negotiate a turn .

### Jao posts second Superbike sweep

ROSARIO, BATANGAS - DEFENDING CHAMpion Jolet Jao of Shell Advance-Kawasaki scored another sweep at the expense of Benjo Mendoza of Speedeffex recently in the second leg of the 2006 Shell Advance-San Mig Coffee Superbikes Series at the Batangas Racing Cir-

Mendoza led from the fourth lap up to the penultimate ninth, only to be overtaken by Jac at the backstretch. Jao clocked 15 minutes and 36.019, just a second shead of Mendoza in the race sanctioned by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association.

Rod Chua, who'll represent the country in the Asian Road Race of Nations this weekend, checked in third while Wacky del Rosario and Randy Ortiz, ended fourth and fifth, respectively.

Jao displayed his true form in the afternoon race where he moved beyond Mendoza's reach. Chua took thard piece while Del Rosario and

Bernardo Mendoza wound up fourth and fifth. John Diego also pulled a sweep over Jay Carrion in the Intermediate division.

### Bata, Django join China exhibition

FILIPINO POOL ICONS EFREN "BATA" REYES and Francisco "Diango" Bustamente will represent the Philippines in the 2006 SMS str-man exhibition leg on July 16 in Guangzhou, Chins. They will be pitted against defending World Pool champion 16-year-old Wu Chia-Ching of Chinese Taipet, 2006 SMB Asian 9-bell tour Ho Chi Minh leg runnor-up Li He Wen, national Learn coach Xu Meng and women's champton Pan Xiao Ting of China. Star Sports will air highlights of the event on July 23 at 7 p.m.

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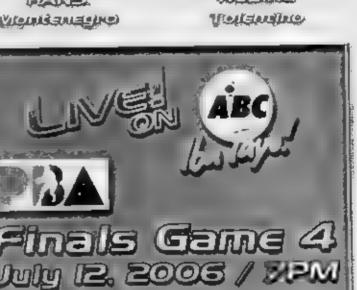
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### **S**PORTS

# Top women seeds book semis tickets



WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND-THE WIMbledon seeding committee got this one just right.

The top four seeded players have advanced to the women's semifinals at Wimbledon: No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo. No. 2 Kim Clijsters, No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 4 Maria Sharapova.

It's only the fifth time in 25 years that the semis have featured the eilte four.

On Thursday, 2004 champion Sharapove will play Mauresmo, and Clijsters will face Henri-Hardenne in the 20th career match between the Beigian rivals.

"It just shows how long our careers have been already and how consistent we both have been," Clijsters said.

Chisters leads Henun-Hardenne 10-9. not counting Henin-Hardenne's two victones in lower-tier events in 1998 and 1999. Henin-Hardenne has won three of the last four, including at the French Open and Eastbourne grass-court tour-

nament last month

This will be their first meeting at Wimbledon, Henin-Hardenne leads 4-2 at other Grand Slems.

'It will be the third time in a month, so I think that we know each other well enough," Henri-Hardenne said, "But never here in Wimbiedon. I don't know what to expect about that. I'm just going to try to keep the same preparation, nothing different from what I did in the last few weeks. The best will win."

Neither player has lost a set in five matches at this tournament. Clijsters beat China's Li Na, 6-4, 7-5. in the quarterfinals on Tuesday, while Henin-Hardenne downed French qualifier Severine Bremond, 6-4, 6-4.

Henin Hardenne reached her first Grand Slam fina, here in 2001, losing to Venus Williams. Since then she has won the French Open three times and the US Open and Australian Open once each. If

she wins Wimbledon, she'll complete a career Grand Slam of all four major b-

Only nine women have accomptished the feat, including Serena Williams, Steffi Graf, Chris Event, Billie Jean King

and Martina Navratilova Sharapova is the only former wonten's champion left after the exits of Venus Williams and Martina Hingis.

Sharapova beat Elena Dementieva, 6-1, 6-4, in a match briefly interrupted by a male streaker in the second set. Maures-

mo beat Anastasia Myskina, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Mauresmo has a 2-0 edge against Sharapova, both straight-sets wins on hard courts.

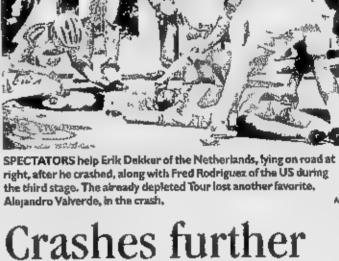
Mauresmo, who turns 27 on Wednesday, lost in the semifinals at her three previous Wimbledons.

"I don't think I have anything to prove to myself, first of all, or to anybody." Mauresmo said. "I just want more." AP



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### Crashes further deplete field of Tour de France

VALKENBURG, NETHERLANDS-Wheels touch, Bikes and riders go down. A bone breaks. Tour de

So it went for Alejandro Valverde during an accident-strewn third stage on Tuesday, The Spaniard, whom Lance Armstrong once said could be cycling's next big thing, fractured his right collarbone, taking yet another favorite out of the showpiece race which already tost its top contenders to a doping scandal even before it began.

On the road, there was a new overall leader, Tom Boonen, who donned the Tour's yellow jersey over the rainbow-striped world champion's shirt he already owns. Manhias Kessier of Germany won the hilly stage that covered three countries—Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.

Boonen will wear yellow in his native Beigium on Wednesday's

He holds a one-second lead over Australian Michael Rogers. American George Hincapie is third, with previous leader Thor Husboard slipping back to fourth after he struggled on the final hill of the 216.5kilometer route from Esch-sur-

But crashes were unfortunate themes of the day Doctors were

American Fred Rodriguez's Fourth of July houday finished to a hospital emergency unit. A pothole ended his sixth Tour, one of his teammates said. Rodriguez injured his right shoulder and wrist and



VALYERDE: Out again

sustained a concussion

Dutch rider Erik Dekker apparently hit the same hole, 115 Rebobank team said, catapulting him over his handlebers onto the road. He broke teeth, ripped his upper lip, had multiple deep cuts on his face and sustained a concussion. A four-time stage winner, he had been riding his 12th Tour.

"Some of the guys thought he was dead," team spokesman Jacob Berysma said.

Valverde will now return to Spain, where he may need surgery.
He plowed into a teammate's wheel
when the pack of riders slowed when the pack of riders slowed sharply, hitting the road.

His first Tour last year firushed no better After impressing Arm strong by beating him up a climb in the Alps, Valverde was forced to drop out in tears three days later with an inflamed left knee.

### Viloria defends WBC light fly title Aug. 10

Byweight champion Brian Viloria will defend his title on Aug. 10 against Mexican Omar Nino Romero at the Orleans Hotel and

Casino in Las Vegas. It will be the 25-year-old Viloria's second title defense after a unanimous decision win over Jose Antonio Aguirre last l'eb. 18.

The winner of the Vilona-Romero bout will stake the title against a mandatory challenger, who will be decided on July 18 when top-rated Pilipino Juanito Rubillar takes on Thalland's Wandee Singwangcha, the No. 2 contender, in a 12-round eliminator to be held

in Bangkok, Thailand. Viloria suffered a broken erm against Aguirre, and could not iramediately comply with his mandatory obligation to face Rubillar. Thu

WORLD BOXING COUNCIL LIGHT WBC then decided to hold an elimi netor with Singwangtha winning the purse bid

The 30-year-old Romero, who hails from Guadalajara, Mexico, branked No. 13 by the WBC, and holds a 23-2-1 win-loss-draw record with 10 KOs.

In the chief support, l'lipino Dicadado Gabi sees action for the first time since his failed attempt at the IBP flyweight title.

The card is being presented by Top Rank Promotions in associa tion with the Orleans Hotel and Casino. National television cover age will be provided by Versus formatly known as the foutdoor living network."

Top Rank recently entered into a multimillion-dollar 12 fight card agreement with Versus television

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### **FAP** sets show

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

FILM Academy of the Philippines (FAP) is going ahead with the 24th Luna **Awards** September despite financial problems, says actor Leo Martinez, FAP director general.

Martinez told INQUIRER Entertainment in an exclusive interview that the awards would through, even if its subsidy from the Metro Manila Film Festival revenues had been slashed from 30 to 10 percent.

Martinez said the selection process had gone on scheduled. "From among the cited works, the nominators have trimmed down the list to the Top 10 or 15. When it is down to the final

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# GMA 7 fights back

GMA 7 HAS PILED A MOTION FOR RECONsideration of the decision of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) to suspend the documentary program "I-Witness" for two consecutive weeks, for showing "exaggerated large male phalluses" and "acts of masturbanon" in the episode
"Lukayo. Hindi Ito Bastos," aired on May 22

The motion was filed on Monday by GMA 7

legal counsel Dick B. Perez.

The network argued that the suspension did not take into consideration one of the MTRCB's own implementing rules and regulations-that the classification "shall be based on the treatment of theme, violence, language, nudity, sex ... and other similar elements.

GMA 7 Insisted: "The [wooden] phalhe symbols ... were part of [a] ritual as documented by the program. The primary symbolasm is that of fertility and the mockery of male chauvinism.

in the June 22 memo suspending "I-Witness," MTRCB chief Ma. Consoliza Laguardia said that "... any television program that does not conform to the 'G' and 'PG' classification may not be aired phalluses and masturbation do not fall within the 'G' and 'PG' classifi-

GMA 7 countered that showing the phalluses did not violate the program's PG classifi-

Practiced in Kalayaan, Laguna, the ritual was first documented by National Arnst Ra-

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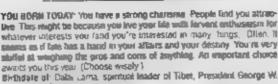
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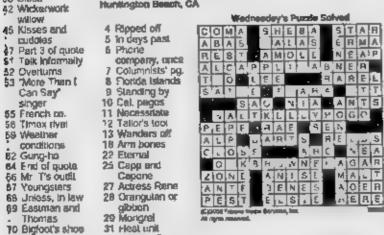
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INDEPENDENT DIGITAL FILMMAKERS DOMInated the ast of nominees to the 29th Gawad Urian, handed out by the Manunuri ng Peliku-

lang Pilipino, pioneering society of film critics.
Competing for Best Picture are "Ala Verde A.a Pobre" (Muchachos Bravos Filmworks), "Big Time" (Arkeofilms), "Blue Moon" (Regal Pilms), "Ang Daan Patungong Kalimugtong" (Sampaybaked Productions), "La Visa Loca" (Uniter Films), and "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros" (ufo Films).

Save for "Bute Moon," these nominees are made on digital film-transferred to certuloid for commercia, release. Their summaries and other nominations

· "A.a Verde Ala Pobre," about a sium couple .iving along Manila's railroad tracks. Also nominated for Editing, Production Design. The film marks the return of avant garde artist Briccio Santos nominated for Best Director; Ana Capri, for Best Actress.

 "Big Time," about small-time criminals. Also nominated for Sound, Editing, Production Design, Screenplay, Direction; Michael de Mesa, for Best Supporting Actor; James Wüson, for Best Actor.

"Blue Moon," a nostalgic romance generations. Also nominated for Sound, Music, Editing, Cinematography; Joel Lamangan, for Best Director; Boots Anson Roa and Jennylyn Mercado, for Best Supporting Actress: Dennis Trillo, for Best Actor.

 "Kalımugtong," poignant story of two Benguet orphans who traverse mountains and rivers to get to school everyday. Nominated for all categories, except Best Supporting Actor-Mes de Guzman for Director, Screenplay, Analyn Bangsi i., for Best Actress; Rhenuel Ordono, for Best Actor; Hallen Sumingwa, for Best Supporting Actress.

· "La Visa Loca," a saure on the American dream. Also nominated for Music, Production Design, Screenplay; Johnny Delgado, for Best Supporting Actor, Robin Padilla, for Best Actor.

"Maximo Oliveros," arguably the most

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successful digital feature last year. Also nominated for Music, Editing, Cinematography Production Design, Screenplay, Di-Souman rection. Cruz, Ping Med.na, for Best Supporting Actor Nathan Lopez, for Best Actor.

The awards ceremomes, set on Aug. 3, wall be broadcast on Channel 9

The Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino is chaired by Mike Rapatan of the Depart ment of Communication of De la Saile University. The members are National Bienvenido Artist former Movie and Television and Classification Board chair Nicanor Tiongson, broadcast personality Burch Francisco. editor and member Mario Hernando, UP College of Mass Com-Gigi Alfonso, Nationa. University of Sinlecturer Tolentino, and Inquirer arts and culture editor and UST professor Lito Zulueta

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 Best Screenplay: Mario Cornejo, Monster Jimenez, "Big Time"; Lee Meily, "La Visa Loca"; Michiko Yamamoto, "Maximo"; Shugo Praco, "Sa Aking Pagkagising Mula sa Kamu-

· Best Actor: Carlo Aquino, "Kamulatan"; Ricky Davao, "Pusang Gala"; Yul Servo, "Ilusyon."

 Best Actress: Irma Adlawan, "Sa North Diversion Road"; Claudine Barreto, "Nasaan Ka Man", Ana Capri, "Ala Verde", Jactyn Jose, "Sarungbanggi", Jaycee Parker, "Ilusyon", Analyn Bangsi-il ("Kalimugtong").

· Best Supporting Actor: Ketchup Euse bio, "Kamulatan."

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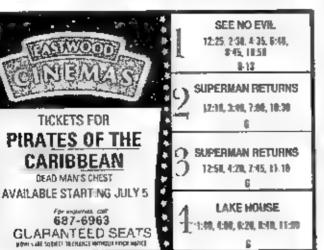
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 Best Cinematography: Albert Banzon, "Kalimugtong"; Odyssey Flores, "Ilusyon"; Nap Jamir, "Maximo"; Timmy Jimenez, Monch e Redobie, "Masahista"; Charlie Peralta, "Nasaan Ka Man"; Rolly Manuel, "Blue Moon": Wowie Hao, Odyssey Flores, "Dilim."

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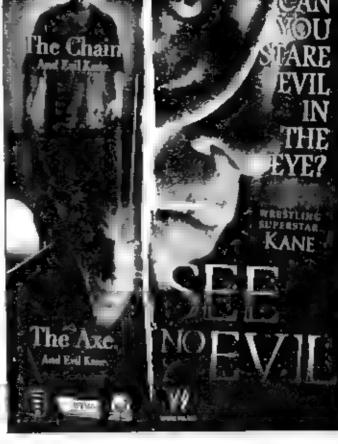


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Anthology

The Manila Chronicle article is included in the definitive "Beatles Anthology" which discusses the "Incident in Manila."

It is said that the Beatles snubbed an appointment with then First Lady Imelda Marcos (with about 300 children of politicians and mittary officers, including the Marcos children) in Malacañang.

Joseph Wilham "Pepe" Smithwas a member at the time of "Downbeats, one of the front arts for the Beatles concerts. He said the Beatles had nothing to do

"They were unaware of the appointment. It was not in their schedule," Smith recently told the INOURER. "Or maybe they were informed two hours before."

#### Rude awakenings

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Adds George Horrson, a scinthe authology. "We content the levels as I we watched ourselves not all ving at the president", page 15.

As a rest hof the snub, one one motortycle escort accompanied the departing Bearies to the Manila International Authors—whereas on their arrival motorcade, Starr says, there had been "thousands of kids ,, hundreds upon hundreds of policemen."

Smith, who had gone with some band mates to see the Beaties off, said things became ugaer at the airport "A [gun] was pointed at them. An attaché case said to contain their money was confiscated. They were made to waik to their plane."

Harrison recounts in the anthology: "[They came] up to us, pushing and screaming. I was trying to a stay out of their way. I saw a couple of Buddhist monks and hid beaund them."

Starr adds: "They started spitting at us. There's the famous story of John and me hiding behind these purs because we

thought, 'It's a Catholic country, they won't beat up the nuns "

Pau. McCartney remembers that "When the fisticulfs broke out we [ran] to the nans. It was a nice attle shot, nans and Beatles in a corner. They didn't actually protect us; they just stood there

looking a bit bemused "

McCarrney must have seen the connection of the nuns and People Power revolt 20 years later. In the anthology, he says:

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"It was an unfortunate attie trip, but when we found out what Marcos and Imelda had been do-

CIRQUE du Soieil's "Love" show at Las Vegas' Mirage Hotei, above. Far left, Pepe Smith recalls brief encounter with The Beatles; and at left, an admission ticket to the Rizal Memorial Stadum concert in 1966. evenero administration aureau

ing to the people—we were g ad to have done what we did "

Smith found it unfortunate that the "snub" had been given too much prominence. "After a few weeks, the whole thing was forgotten anyway," he said.

### Around the world

Around the world, The Beatles are currently being remembered in different ways, 40 years after their first rush of bit records.

In Las Vegas, they are brought

back to , fe in a Cirque du Solet, spectacu ar that marks the band's first agreement to collaborate on a stage show.

The Canadian acrobatic troupe ast weekend opened its "Love" celebration of The Beatles musical legacy in a custom-built, 2,000-seat theater at the Mirage hote.

In Japan, the Beatles visited only once, but the country is commemorating the 40th an inversary of their concerts there as if the Fab Four had never left the stage

Japanese media are lost in Beatlemania, and the Capito Tokyu Hotel, where they last stayed in 1966—when it was still the Tokyo Haton—is offering a special last viewing of their suite before the hote's demolation

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### Here comes the heroine

ZSAZSA PADILLA is more than thrilled to be playing the title role in Regai Films' "Zsazsa Zaturnnah The Movie." "My kids had long told me that the comic book superhero looked like me, so I got curious. True enough. I found, kahawig ko nga) I was flattered when I heard that, in fact, she had been named after me. So I'm giving my all to this project. I've begun training for the fight scenes and dieting so I can fit into that revealing cos-

Does Dolphy have any objections to her sexy outfit? Chuckling, she said, "I guess he's used to seeing my billboard on Edsa so he doesn't seem to mind anymore." Superman is m again. Now make way for Zsazsa, SuperwoMom.

Happy bunch

Seiko Film's "I Wanna Be Happy" is a compact family comedy with situations and predicaments that everyone can relate to. Off-cam, the cast were quite a happy bunch, too, and jelled really well,

For instance, Keanna Reeves says she didn't fall for Joey Marquez's charms because she can easily beat him in his own game. "Pareho ang talangka namin. Nagkakaintindihan kamı, kaya di kami talo!

Joey himself admits that the movie's title has been his exit line from relationships many times over. Pamous last words, huh, Pareng Joey?

And what's this I heard that during the shooting, Michelle Madrigal was sending feelers to Christian Vasquez? Did he feel it or was she the only one who feil?

Nancy Castiglione was spotted with the ex-hubby of socialite Happy Ongpauco, Wowle Rivers, at the party of Bench. Not too long ago, Happy figured to a bar brawl with Wowie's ex, Alko Melendez, which even ended up in court. Now Happy is dating Dexter Chu Mei (owner of Discovery Suites). Merry marry go round? Who's gonna love happily ever after?

#### Mutual admiration

While doing Heaven's Best Entertainment's initial offering, "Umuu-

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lan, Umaaraw," Herbert Bautista was smitten with Lara Quigaman. "She's even prettier in person," gushed Bistek, Lara is all praise, too, for the vice mayor. "He's like a kuya. He's fond of asking pang-beauty pageant on questions, which makes me laugh tulagal" Herbert said he envied Ryan Agoncillo, who has a bed scene with Lara. Even if Vice is the producer, he's not one to take advantage and make the scenes suit his

#### Lovespeak

The romantic fool in me enjoyed listening to Ryan Agoncillo's double-disc compilation of OPM love songs, "Lovespeak" (released by Vi-

Ryan shares his thoughts on love and life in this rare CD containing the best loved songs of Sharon Cuneta, Gary V, Martin Nievera, Basil Vaidez and many more. Highlight of the CD is the song of Ryan's ladylove (Judy Ann Santos) for him, "No Ordinary Love." Truly a collector's stem for all those who live love and love life like Ryan does.

· Guess who this newscaster is? His make-up artist could no longer stand how dirty and foul smelling his make-up kit is, so she volunteered to clean the sponges, brushes and everything else in it. She sighs, "Sayang ang guwapo pa naman niya but di siya malinis sa gamit so that means di rin siya malinis sa katawan)"

Bad news for the newscaster.

• Guess who this stand-up comic us? She kept bragging to her colleagues that she had bought a very expensive face powder compact. As she was powdering her nose, the case fell. It turned out that she was using a local product which she had placed in the case of a pricey brand. Powder Puff Girl goes pffft!

Catch "The Pinal Say, Cha-Cha," which airs Wednesdays on NBN 4, 8-9 p.m. Hear both sides of the issue on the show hosted by Atty. Romela Bengzon with Doris Bigornia reporting from the field.

### Błack Eyed Peas

Superstar Apl.de.ap (Allan Pineda in real life) of the Black Eyed Peas may have spent more time overseas than in his native Philippines, but he has not forgotten his roots.

This is quite evident in the trips he and the Peas have made to the Philippines. On a promo tour for their last album in 2004, they quickly fell in love with the electric, eclectic atmosphere of the country and promised to return as soon as they

Now the Peas are set to perform at the Araneta Coliseum on July 27 The show, which is part of the Peas' "Monkey Business" tour, is a production of Viva Concerts & Events.

They are expected to set the Big Dome pumping via toe-tapping renditions of their hits, including "Where Is The Love?," "Let's Get It Started," "Shut Up," Don't Phunk With My Heart, "Don't Lie," and the dancefloor favorite, "My Humps."

The tour is a promo junket for their larest album "Monkey Business," which carries a tribute to Apl's homeland-titled "Bebot" (Filipino slang for "chick"), celebrating various aspects of the Pinoy lifestyle.

T experience that lifestyle, and when I go back home," Apl said in a recent interview.

What typically Pinoy things does he enjoy, exactly? "I like buying bahar from street vendors," he said.

Well, Apl will have a lot of opportunities to introduce his band mater-will.Lam (William Adams), Taboo (Jaime Gomez), Fergie (Stacy Perguson)-to balut and other things Pinoy, as they will be making quite a few more trips to the Philippines in the near furure.

Tickets for the July 27 show are available at all SM Tickemet outlets and at the Araneta Coliseum Box Office.

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"I-Witness" on Monday. "But this does not mean we are not doing anything about the suspension," Nessa S. Valdellon, GMA public affairs vice president said on Tuesday. "We are fighting it ail the way."

Vaide lon also clarified that she was not the GMA executive who, Laguardia earliduring an adjudicanon meeting on June 6 that she was "initially offended by

what she saw." Valdellon said it was "I-Witness" executive producer Elia Evangelista who admitted that Laguardia was indeed referring to her

She explained that during the June 6 meeting, MTRCB lawyer Sonny Cases asked if "Lukayo" hadn't offended her

Evangensta said she responded, "[I was] in the beginning. But then I got to meet them ... and realized there was nothing offensive with what they were doing."

### FAP show

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five, 30 voters from the guilds will watch the movies two weeks before awards night Three days before the show, the winners will be picked."

Last year's Luna Awards was held in May. This year's show was originally set in August

According to John Suarez, executive secretary of the FAP Board of Governors, the final five nominees in each category will be announced next month.

Martinez also said the contract of acror Abert Martinez, the awards show producer for the past two years, ended last year On June 28, Suarez

said. FAP signed a new contract with Eight Elephants, a production firm owned by Romnick Sammenta. wife Harlene Baurista and some partners. "The producers may

mount a simple show announcing the north nees," the RAP head said. "Pollowing tradi tion, last year's Best Actress winner, Clau dine Barretto, will make the announce ments."

### Oscar bet

Suarez also report ed that the selection process for the coun try's entry to the Os car Bost Foreign Lan guage Film category was ongoing. He said the selection commit tee, chaired by Na tional Artist for Pilm Eddie Romero, was made up of FAP mem bers Pablo Gomez. Robert Arevalo, Johnny Delgado, William Mayo and George Es megan Jr.

Last year, the IMP failed to send an entry to the Oscars. Martinez had vowed to rectify the oversight.

#### Ax Aussie Big Brother

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA-PRIME MINISTER John Howard called Monday for an Austrahan reality TV program to be axed after a woman on the show claimed two male contestants sexually assaulted her.

The center-right government has referred Network 10's "Big Brother" --- a fly-on-the wall series in which a group of strangers live together and compete for a cash prize-to the television standards watchdog over the incident on Saturday, Communications Minister Heien Coonar's office

On a Sunday broadcast, the 22-year-old female contestant was shown tearfully telling her housemates that one of the men held her arms while the other rubbed his crotth in her face, although it did not broadcast footage of the alleged ncident

#### Ebert doing well

CHICAGO-FILM CRITIC ROGER EBERT, WHO has battled calycer in recent years, was in serious but stable condition following an emergency op-

eration to repair complications from a previous cancer surgery.

Ebert, famous for his "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" critiques, was doing well Sunday night, his family said in a statement

"The doctors say Roger is stable and responding well to the recent surgery," said his

wife, Chaz. "We are grateful for your prayers and support but please give the big guy the space and time needed to recover until he is ready to use those thumbs again."

#### 'Superman' delivers

LOS ANGELES -- ESTIMATED TICKET SALES FOR Finday through Sunday at US and Canadian theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations, official trackers.

1) "Superman Returns," \$52.15M; 2) "The

Devi. Wears Prada," "Click," \$27M 3) \$19.4M; 4) "Cars." \$14M; 5) "Nacho Libre," \$6.2M, 6) "The Lake House," \$4.5M; 7) "The Fast and the Purious: Tokyo Drift," 8) "Waist \$4.4M. Deep," \$3,3M, 9) "The Break Up," \$2.8M, 10) "The Da Vinci Code,"

### ROUNDUP

IF YOU WANT TO ENJOY VIEWING "THE Lake House," leave your anal-retentive sense of logic at the box office.

This will make it easier for you to more readily groove to the movie's plot and thematic concell about love being so

powerful that it can VIEWFINDER transperrel time. This has been more logically" dramatized in the past, but "The Lake House" is not really

interested in filling all the blanks and answering all of its viewers' mystified questions.

In the final analysis, Nestor U. Torre that san't what this production is about, so cool

it, and leave your logical, questioning mind with the takilyera.

Instead of being so ideationally punctilious, open yourself up to the movie's subjectively romantic premise and invitation:

Beheve, if only for 90 minutes, that Capid has transmognified himself into a magic mailbox, and it is through this portal into the time continuum that two people living two years apart are able to communicate, fall in love with each other-and eventually meet.

How is this possible? The film makes some attempts to answer that question, but its heart isn't really in the effort

It's more fascinated by the magical power of love to transcend such bothersome limitations as the right chronology of events. If love is a psychic power, it should be able to confound such comm-

Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock say "amen" as they portray two star-crossed and time-warped jovers who live in the same house on the take two years apart.

He's in 2004, she's in 2006-and, therefore, never the twain shall meet? Ah, "never" is yet another word that crumbles as love unleashes its true power, and does its worst-and best.

As soon as they realize that the mailbox in front of the lake house can serve as their sort of time

### Cupid is a magic mailbox

machine through which they can write notes, to each other, the film's fated duo end up liking and loving each other so much that the only issue left to be resolved is . When will they finally meet?

This, the film tries to handle with a series of near-misses and unexpected encounters. The clincher is the dramatic dovetailing of an accident that initially appears to involve a stranger, but he eventually turns out to be

Reeves' character. But even this dramatic highlight can't from one all of the movie's logical warps and woofs (there's a dog involved in the time-traveling leads' story, arf, arf).

-Nor should it be expected to. "The Lake House" is not about seamless storytelling, ir's about intimations, nummers, ghosts of a chance, memories of a dance, moments of truth and love blown away like leaves by the wind, often just barely our of reach.

If that's enough for you to go by, you could relate to "The Lake House's" story of love beyond time. If a magic mailbox isn't your stea. of what Choid should be, however, the film could be too slight, evanescent and fey to sustain your interest.

It's the difference between a bird in hand and love on the wing-and empathy could get lost in the flutter

Cool it, leave logic behind for this one

#### Richard Merk

Jazz-pop exponent Richard Merk opens the Manhattan Transfer concert at Araneta Couseum tomorrow. Puchard also performs every Wednesday at his popular Merk's Bar Bistro at Greenbelt

Manhattan Transfer hits include "Operator," "Smile Again," "Birdland," "Until 1 Met You," and "It's Gonna Take a Miracle." Call 911-5555.

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Would Tirso & Mia do it again?

TAKE "

By Marinel R. Cruz

"SHALL WE DANCE" SEASON 2 GRAND champs Tirso Cruz III and Sexbomb Mia Pangyarthan would think twice before joining another dance contest.

After an, they said, what they did for the finals night on June 25 was no mean feat. They had to compete with "more experienced" dancers like Mystica and partner Miguel dela Serna, Joshua Zamora and Janeth Somosot, Desiree del Valle and Dennis Sy.

Time and Mie were also scrutinized by three judges—Audie Gemora, Regine Tolentine and Edna Ledesma.

And despite their hectic individual schedules, they had to rehearse five dance numbers with a maximum of 12 hours practice time.

According to associate producer Nelson Alindogan, each team was instructed to dance the pasadoble, live, rumba and cha-cha, and was told to pick a dance of their choice.

Viewers rewarded Tirso and Mia's hard work with an overwhelming text vots—the "sole basis" of the decision, according to Alindogan. "The judges [simply] gave comments to help the viewers along."

Did you expect to win?
Tirso: Of course I wanted to win. Actually, all



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groups deserve to be champions. I didn't expect to win the Texter's Choice award, though, so I'd like to thank our friends and fans. This is not a one-man effort. Anna Palma, our dance instructor, joined our team in the third week of the monthly finals. She proved to be very helpful.

Mia: Honestly, I thought we'd lose. I kept thinking, "We don't stand a chance here."

How many hours did you set saids for prac-

T: We were given only a total of 12 hours to rehearse for the five numbers. It was up to us, how to divide them. The problem was, it was impossible for us to fix a practice schedule. We rehearsed in dance studios owned by Regine (Tolentino). Genne (Eugenio). or the Club 88 on Samat Street in Mandaluyong City where professional dancers practiced. Sometimes, we rehearsed at the Sexbomb studio.

What were your biggest hurdles?

T. Rehearsa, time was our biggest problem. Anna wasn't always around. Mia and I had to turn down several job offers. I'm not a dancer... I needed time to tearn my steps.

M: Kuya Pip (Tirso's nickname) is the oldest male among the competitors, [so] there were moves he couldn't execute. He couldn't do lifts, or really fast steps. I had a hard time, too. The moves of rea. bailroom dancers are different. I kept thinking, "Sayang naman ang effort ni Kuya Pip, hindi naman kami mananaha."

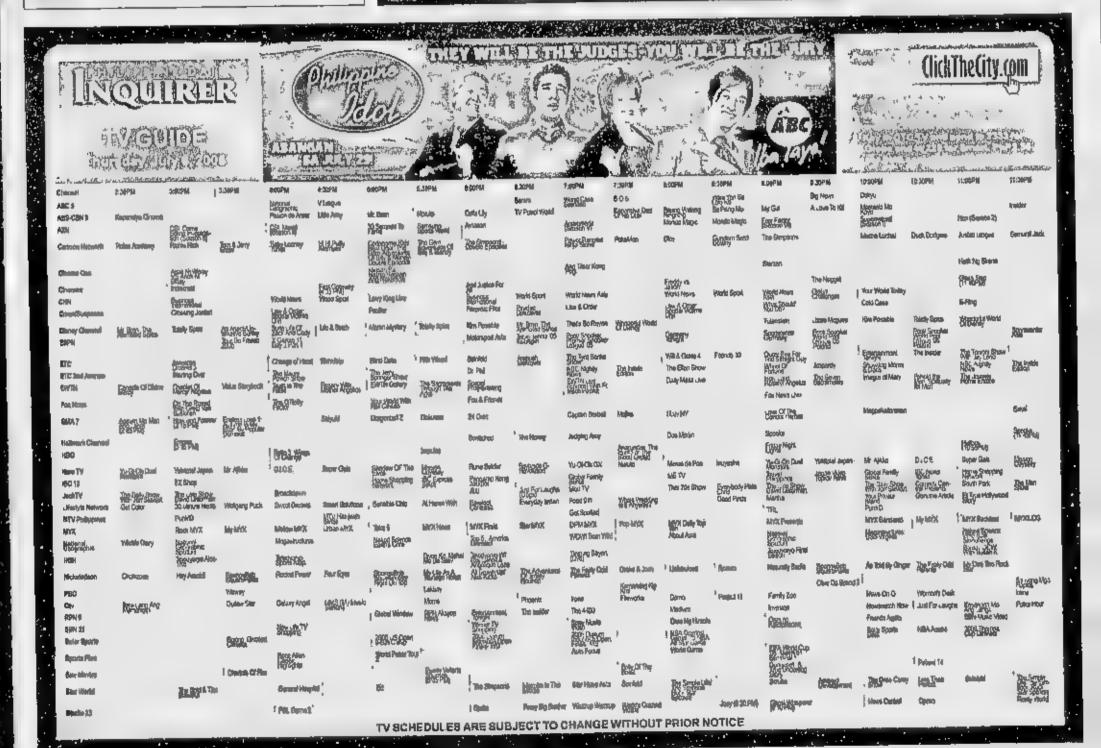
Would you join another dance contest?

T: When this came about, I didn't look at it as a competition. But after the first week, I realized that if I didn't give this my all I would embarrass myself and my partner. I couldn't take it lightly and shortchange the viewers.

I'm not sure I'd do it again [bin] I'd like to continue dancing with Anna or Edna (contest judge and last year's Blackpool Dance Festival grand champ)

M: Sure, but not a competition against dance instructors. Hindi ko kaya talaga.

("Shall We Dance," hosted by Lucy Torres, airs Sundays on ABC 5. Featured in its third season which started on Sunday are pairs Wilma Doesnt and Neil Gasic, Asi Taulava and Ana Coloma, Michael Flores and Marianne Camacho, Sheree and Efren Ibo.)



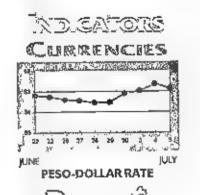
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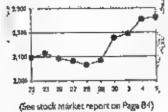
# Inflation eased further to 6.7% in June



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### Shares close higher

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 0.26percent higher yesterday to hit their best levels in about a month as investors were

cheered by news that inflation had slowed in uune, dealers said.

At the same time, they said the gains were limited after North Korea's test launch of up to six missiles was widely criticized, stoking

Strong peso tempered impact of VAT on prices

By Michelle V. Remo

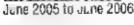
THE INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICES slowed further to 6.7 percent in June from a year ago as the stronger peso helped temper the effects of higher fuel prices and the imposition of the value-added tax.

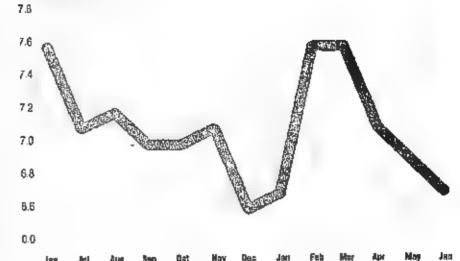
June inflation fell at the lowerend of the 6.5-7.2-percent range projected by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and better than the 6.9 percent forecast made by the National Economic and Develop ment Authority (Neda)

Dennis Arroyo, Neda's policy and planning director, said latest developments on price move-

ments would likely bring down full-year inflation to a rate lower than the official projection of 7.3-7 9 percent for the entire 2006

Except for housing and repairs, ati commodity groups, including food products, posted a slower inflation rate tast month, the National Stanshos Office reported vesterday.





### Accenture to expand RP operations

By Daxim L. Lucas

ACCENTURE, ONE OF THE world's biggest consultancy and outsourcing firms, will increase its presence in the country later this year by pumping in more investments in facilities and increasing its manpower compument

In a briefing, company officials said the expansion was being made to meet the large demand for putsourced services-project ed to grow at an average of 12 percent a year in the coming years-from its overseas clients

"We have a plan to grow our

of 40 percent to 50 percent next [fiscal] year," Accenture technology and delivery COO Basilio Rueda said during the briefing.

The company's local delivery center-its name for centralized offices catering to various clients' needs-presently has a manpower compliment of 7,500 staffers.

By the end of the next fiscal year, Rueda said the company's local unit was expected to have a total manpower companient of apto 12,000, representing an increase of aimost 5,000 employees.

More importantly, the Accen-

Manila Delivery Center in the area ture official said the firm would privest some \$20 million in its local operations over the next 18 months to help it meet global out-

sourcing demand. "This will be spent on facilities, technology building, [the setting ap of] more delivery centers, BPO (business process outsourcing), and to here new people," he said.

The new investment will be on top of the \$50 million that Accenture has already sunk into the local economy over the last four years.

Rueda said the investment would further improve the company's capabilities in the consult-

.ng, technology and outsourcing businesses

Of Accenture's 7,500 full time employees at present, approximately 5,000 are employed in the mining information technology sector Another 2,200 are connected with investment .ts BPO operations, while 350 are classified as support staff.

Accenture has eight facilities in Metro Manila with an existing capacity of 8,411 seats. More than 1,000 seats are expected to come online by next month as it completes its initial expansion phase. In addition, the company also

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### BUSINESS

# Canadian firm to double mining investment in RP

By Ronnel W. Domingo

CANADIAN-AFFILIATED TVI RESOURCE DBvelopment Philippines Inc. yesterday announced it was pouring in additional investments of up to \$25 million to expand its operations in the Zamboanga Peninsula following favorable results of a feasibility study.

John B. Ridsdel, TVIRD country manager, said in a briefing that the company would go

TVI Resource to spend another \$25M in Zamboanga project

into extracting sulphides-copper and zinc-inaddition to mining for gold and silver in the

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To ALL PICPA Members.

In accordance with the provisions of Article XIII, Section 1 and 3 of the By-Laws of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants, notice is hereby given that the Annual Membership Meeting will be on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the Grand Bailroom, Hotel Intercontinental, Makati City

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Report of the Treasurer

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10 Adjournment

We urge all members to attend the Annual Membership Meeting. For members who cannot be present in person, please accomplish and return to us the general proxy form. The general proxy form can be downloaded from the PICPA website www.picpa.com.ph or can be obtained from the PICPA National and Chapter Offices.

Arnel F de Jesus

Speaking at a forum hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and the Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce, Ridsdel said the final findings of the feasibility study showed the sulphide project in its Canatuan mine was "economically viable and desirable "

"This (expansion) still needs approval from our board of directors," the official said, "But the study suggests that we would be spending another \$25 million between now and May of next year when we hope the project would have com-

Ridsde, said TVIRD was also conducting further exploration of the area since the sulphide deposits were seldom found by themselves, meaning there could be other minerals available nearby.

He said at least four areas in Canatuan were being searched for mmeral deposits

"Another significance of this is that our mining operation is the first such activity that is foreignfunded since the Mining Act of 1995 was passed," he added.

Asked how many obs would be created from the expansion, Ridsdel explained that the same pit as that of the gold and silver project would be dug but only deeper. "Therefore we would make use of the same mannower and equipment currently in use," he said.

Based on the study conducted by consulting firm Norwest Corp. and completed last May 25, the sulphide deposit has a projected mine life of 65 years, assuming a production rate of 1,300 tons a day

Over that period, the project would yield 51,600 ounces of

gold, 84.4 million pounds of copper, 3 million ounces of silver and 21,400 tons of zinc.

The study showed that the average operating cost for the sulphide project was estimated at \$28.52 a ton of ore milled while capital cost was pegged

at about \$23 3 million. Total net cash flow after capital and before income tax was estimated at \$98 2 milli on.

TVIRD started mining at Canatuan in May 2004. Through 2005, the firm embarked on a series of upgrades to the mine and mill facilities, which It said resuited in increased metal production.

TVIRD is the local unit of TVI Pacific Inc., which is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and is focused on the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral deposits in China and the Philippines.

### LGU to amend suit vs mining firm

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF Marinduque is keen on amending the \$100-million class suit it filed against mining firm Placer Dome Inc. a US court and would want to exclude affected residents from getting compensation, documents showed.

In a copy of a facsimile from the Dallas-based law firm Diamond Mc-Carthy LLP, which represents the Marinduque province, all remediation fees to be derived from winning the litigation would all go to the provincial government

The province does not seek to recover damages for individual injuries susrained by its citizens either to their

persons or their property," paragraph 6, lines 13 to 14 on page 3 of the revised complaint said.

The revision is contained in the third amended complaint, which lawyer David Ammons indicated in facsimile addressed to Marinduque Gov. Carmencita Reyes on June 27, 2006. Ammons is seeking the approval of Reyes and would file the revised complaint today in Neva-

The amended complaint will also include Barrick Gold Corp. as a party to the case because Placer Dome soid all its mining rights to this firm.

The Inquirer tried to reach Reyes for her comment but was told the governor was in a meeting.

Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan led by Board Member Melencio Go, Alfon Rey, Al.an H. Nepomuceno and Nancy Induraide have sent a letter to Reyes stating their objection to the revisions

"The individual injuries sustained by our citizens should be pursued at all cost. With regard to the inclusion of Barrick, an early dismissal being a non-party to the case may be a possi-ble result," Go said in the letter to

Placer Dome, former parent firm of Marcopper Mining Corp., is trying to push for the transfer of the \$100-milion class suit filed by the Marinduque government from the state of Nevada to the US federal court

Of prevention and early detection:

### The Executive Check-up Program of the Manila Doctors Hospital

Prevention and early detection are essential to maintaining one's health.

he average yuppie rushing in to a cafe for another cold drink, his third for that afternoon. A middle-aged woman covering her mouth as she hails a cab, trying to smother a cough she's been suffering from weeks now. A Septuagenarian briskwalking for an hour at the park each afternoon.

Ordinary scenes, Easily overlooked because their common occurrence. Then again, it takes an expert eye to detect signs. Dryness of the mouth, for example, which prompts one to frequently take in fluids, can be a symptom of diabetes. Chronic cough often disregarded as a minor discomfort can similarly be symptomatic of a more serious health disorder. Finally, even the seemingly healthy person who exercises regularly and eats a sensible diet can still find value in regular visits to the doctor

This is why regular checkups with the doctor can never be overrated, Dr. Ma. Socorro Garcia of the Manila Doctors Hospital is quick to emphasize this.

As head of Manila Doctors' Industrial Medical Services Department (IMSD), Dr. Garcia has many a time proved the merits of regular and thorough medical checkups in detecting early signs of diseases and even identifying predisposition to health disorders resulting from certain lifestyle and health history factors.

The fast-paced life of the average urban dweller also presents several risk factors of health disordera. Work-related stress leading to high blood pressure, smoking and drinking habits, sedentary work that deprives one of exercise are only a few of the often ignored elements of one's daily life that may lead to health problems.

Furthermore, the prevailing economic conditions also put in sharp context the Importance of vigilance when it comes to health. it is far more mexpensive to take preventative measures and health treatments rather than curative

In view of all these, IMSD has

been offering its line of checkup package s to suite the varying needs of the average health consumer Called the Executive Checkup, these packages com-prise a number of laboratory test and medical consultations for a comprehensive diagnostic. There are several Executive Checkup

packages, Dr Garcia and her team of seasoned professionals can also "re-package" or create new packages to tailor-fit certain health needs should a patient request it. Pricing for repackaged plans may vary and may not be consistent with the discounted rates in the pre-set plans



The Executive Checkup as a pre-employment and/or pre-deployment exam offers the benefit of thorough, quick and reliable test results

plans to choose from, both for inpatient and for out-patient treat-

Premier package for a threeday confinement during which laboratory tests, x-ray, ultrasound, ECG, proctosigmoidoscopy and a series of medical consultations will be conducted. Plans A to C which include a two-day and one-day or overnight confinement, respectively. These packages differ only in the number of inclusive examinations, hence, the period of time the patient needs to be confined. In-patient packages range in price from P8,000

For those on the move and cannot spare to much time for the checkup, there are also the out-patient Executive checkup plane. Health consumers can choose from the Cardiac workout package, the Endocrine work-up, Pulmonary work-up, GI (gastrointestinal) work-up and Woman Care program. Prices of these range from P7,000 to P12,000.

In addition to these pre-set

charged

### Executive Undergoing checkup

Appointments can be set ahead of time or "Walk-in" can also come in without one. Admissions time is between 4pm and 6pm from Sunday to Friday.

Checkup begins with an interview. This is done to determine the health risk factors that the patient is exposed to on a regular and/or inherent basis, i.e. family health history. These will all be factored in the evaluation of results from subsequent exams. This is also the patient's chance to ask for more information about the package and its inclusive exams or to request for the exclusion of any exam that the health professional attending may not find necessary.

A series of laboratory exams follow the interview, in in-patient packages, this is then followed by the number of basic medical consultations including Ophthalmology BNT and Dental to name a

The result of these exams and consultation will be compiled in

a booklet and released to the patient within a week (3 to 7 business days) after he/she is dis-

IMSD's Executive Checkup program also ties in with certain health insurance and HMOs like ValueCare, IntelliCare, Dr. Garcia advises patients to first call and check with their insurers before coming down for a checkup.

Success Stories

The Executive Checkup program has been an IMSD service offering since the 1950's, says Dr. Garcia. Since then, they have seen considerable growth in customers and in partnerships with business organizations for preemployment and pre-deployment health exams

Tie-ins with overseas staffing agencies have been particularly successful as IMSD services more and more Overseas Filipino Workers, both prior and after their deployment abroad. Curtently, IMSD has a Palau-based coordinator to better organize health referrals and checkups for residents in Palau. The advantage of such partnerships to the common health consumers is the thoroughness of IMSDs health exams and the reliability of the rest results they issue to employers and staffing agencies.

At the end of the day it is really the patient who reaps the benefits. Dr. Garcia recalls a particularly special success story of her team involving a prominent patient (a high-placed government official) who complained of frequent coughs. After undergoing an Executive Checkup, a serious iliness was detected of which the patient was completely unaware. The government official promptly went abroad for specialized treatment of his illness and eventually

Only goes to show that it is always better to seek professional help. The IMSD of the Menlla Doctors can be reached at telephone numbers 524-3011 extensions 3550, 3870 or at 528-8140 and telefax number 525-6623 for questions and appointments.

Inflation eased ...

The 6.7-percent inflation rate in June was better than the 6.9 percent in May and the 7 1

Core inflation, which excludes the volatile prices of food and energy items, eased to only 5.8 percent in June from 6.1 percent a month

Average inflation for the first six months of the year settled at 7.1 percent, easing from 8.3 percent in the same soc-month period last What happened was that the appreciation

of the peso partly absorbed the pain brought by the VAT," Arroyo said

He noted that the peso averaged at 53.12 to a dollar in June against 55 18 in the same

An increase in the value of a local currency helps control domestic inflation because it effectively makes imported goods cheaper. Arroyo attributed the 6.7-percent inflation

in June to the continued rise in fuel prices and increases in tuition and prices of school supplies in time with the opening of classes. "The deceleration (of inflation) from May

is consistent with the projected downtrend in inflation and provides support to the recent decision of the monetary board to maintain the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' policy rates," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said.

Last week, the monetary authority decided to keep its policy rates unchanged, staying at 7.5 percent for overnight borrowing and 9.75 percent for overnight lending since October

### Shares close higher

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concerns that political tensions could be on the rise in northeast Asia.

The composite index was up 5.86 points to 2,262.34, extending gains to a fourth straight day, after trading between 2,242.58 and 2,264 67. Volume was 2.96 billion shares worth P1 14 billion

The broader all-shares index gained 4.51 points at 1,406.82.

Gains led losers 43 to 25, with 51 stocks un "A deceleration in inflation eases the pres-

sure on the central bank to increase its bench mark interest rates," said Jose Vistan of AB Capital Securities. (See story on this page.) Last week, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

voted to keep its overnight rates unchanged even though the US Federal Reserve jacked up its benchmark rate ancw. Reeping rates unchanged gives investors no compelling reason to shift to fixed-income

assets and at the same time encourages businesses to seek loans to fund expansion. "While the market ended in positive territory, buying sentiment has somewhat been dampened by what happened in North Korea," Vistan said, referring to North Korea's

"Some investors have decided to take profits after the four-day rise. Investors are now a bit more defensive and courtous," said Mark Alan Canizares of Citiseconline.

PLDT was down P5 at P1,970 following recent sharp gains while rival Globe Telecom added P15 at P970.

### Globe unit cuts IDD rate

#### By Daxim L, Lucas

CONSUMERS ARE SET TO BENEFIT FURther from the rivalry between the country's biggest telecommunications firms as the prices of voice call services fall further.

The latest price cut came from a unit of Ayala controlled Globe Telecom Inc., which slashed its rates for international voice calls for its prepaid call card service.

In a statement, Innove Communications Inc. said it has further dropped its IDD rate to allow customers to enjoy longer caus abroad.

"Globelines, Innove's consumer brand, offers the lowest IDD (international direct dia.ing) rate of P2.50 when connecting to five countries using Globel--Innove's service," it said.

The P2.50-a-minute rate will be applicable to Globel to calls to the United States, Cana-

da, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia via a Globennes postpaid or prepaid line and Globelines payphone.

The phone firm chose these countries due to their high concentration of overseas Filipino workers and expatrate Figipinos-traditionally a significant source of revenues for telecommunications services.

"We continue to find ways to make communication services more aftordable for our customers." Globelines marketing

head José Antonio T. Mapa Jr. said. "Slashing the Globelines IDD rate to P2 50 from P4.50 a manute for these five popular calling destinations of Pilipino consumers is just one way by which we show our subscribers that Globelines provides the latest services at the best possible rates."

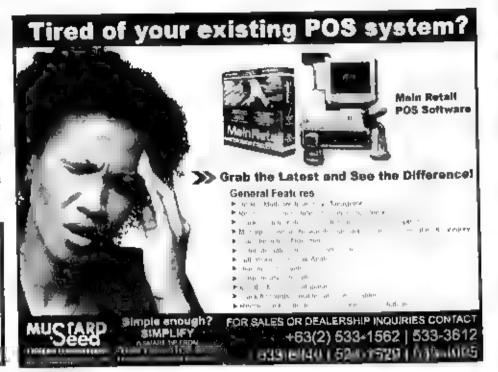
The service was launched last June 20, 2006.

The old rate of P4.50 a minute for Giobelines IDD would still be available for China, Malaysia South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, the company said.

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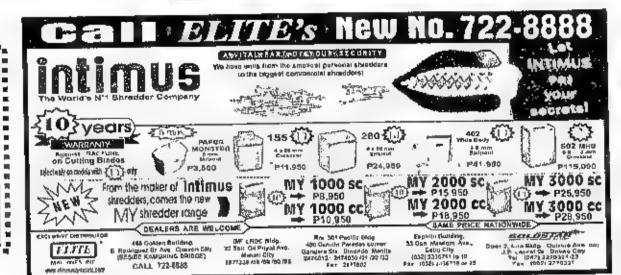
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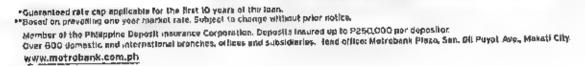
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# PNOC unit prepares for IPO

### Steniel seeking banks' OK on sale of assets

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

CARTON MAKER STENIEL MANUFACTURING Corp. is seeking its creditors' approval of the sale of idle assets worth about P300 million, company president Generis Golingan said.

Goiingan said the amount could be used to pay portion of the company's debts and to support a proposed restructuring plan.

The restructuring plan calls for a 10-year repayment of its P690 million worth of debts, including a three-year grace period.

Creditor banks Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., Chinatrust Commercial Bank and Bank of the Phil ppine Islands recently declared Stemel in default on its debts that fell due two years ago.

Golingan said a prime asset being considered for sale was Steniel's 5-hectare carron manufacturing complex in Cavite and certain factory equipment in the site.

This year, Steniel shur down its Cavite facility after suffering heavy operational losses in the past years due to stiff competition and declining demand due to industry overcapacity in Luzon. The Cavite plant has a capacity to produce up to 60,000 metric tons a year of corrugated boxes.

Proceeds from the proposed asset sale will help fund Steruel's planned expansion in Cebu and Davao, considered high-growth markets.

In Davao, Steniel plans to put up a new plant either in Bukidnon, Cagayan, or Davao City to raise its capacity to 60,000 MT a year. Currently, its carron-making plant in Bunawan, Davao, has a capacity of 45,000 MT

Goungan said the planned expansion in Davao was aimed at serving the growing banana export market in the province.

In Cebu, Steniel plans to put up a new man-Efacturing facility in the Mactan Export Processing Zone to boost capacity to 18,000 MT a year. At present, its Mandaue plant is producing 12,000 MT a year. The new plant will serve the demand from the growing furniture, semiconductor and food industries in Cebu.

The expansion plans for Cebu and Davao were estimated to cost P300 million.

Steniel manufactures paper products, paper board and corrugated carron containers. Creditors are now reviewing their options, which may include foreclosing on Steriel's assets and entering into negotiations to find other ways by which the company can repay its debts.

Major creditor banks earlier said they were prepared to go to court against CVC Asia Pacific, the former majority shareholder of Steniel, for breach of an agreement. INQUIRER sources stressed that despite this plan, creditors were not hasty on foreclosing on the assets of the corrugated carton maker but were considering this as an option.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR THE PCGG TO ponder on. It was Tessie Sy who released the P150-million cash dividend for the EPCIB shares of Trans Middle East or TME.

And it appears she did it with...well, an "ulterior motive."

Recently, my neighbor Vic Agustin reported a secret meeting featuring, in starring role, Tessie Sy, daughter of mall operator Henry Sy of the SM group, which is trying to take over EPCIB.

Also in the meeting were Martin Romualdez, the representative of TME to the EP-CIB board, and two other witnesses, one of whom supposedly arranged the meeting for

It seems that Tessie Sy was suing for peace with Romualdez, (Well, of course, after engineering his ouster from the EPCIB board during the annual stockholders meeting last Max.)

Apparently, she complained that because of the recalcitrant Romualdez, who fought her over the SM group takeover of EPCIB, she was spending so much money on attorney's fees and, "other" legal expenses.

So much so that her army of lawyers was probably starting to look at her like a ham. You know—something for feasting!

And so during the meeting, Tessie Sy reminded Romualdez (in front of the two witnesses) that she had released the dividend so that TME would agree to the SM group takeover of EPCIB. She therefore expected his...well, "cooperation."

Even at the expense of the SSS and the GSIS-meaning, the millions of working class members of the pension funds

There-Romusidez and TME had nothing to do with the release of the dividends to TME. Tessie Sy claimed authorship of the whole thing. All Romualdez needed to do was, well, close his eyes while the SM group put one over the members of the SSS and the GSIS.

And now some groups are suing TME, claiming ownership of the TME shares in EP-CIB, pointing at the release of the dividends as the main issue.

It's clear that they should sue Tessie Sy in-

LET'S BE clear about something on the abandoned project of the Comelec to automate the vote counting in the 2004 elections: The Supreme Court imposed a deadane on the Ombudsman to investigate the case of graft filed against Comelec officials

Oh, and another thing: That deadline is fast

approaching.

### Company hopes to raise \$300M for capex, BOT payment

By Abigail L. Ho

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL CO. ENERGY DEvelopment Corp. (PNOC EDC) hopes to raise about \$300 million from the sale of between 30 percent and 40 percent of its shares in an initial public offering to be held in November or early December.

in an interview with reporters yesterday, PNOC-EDC president and chief executive Paul Aquino said the IPO proceeds would be used to finance the company's short-term cap-Ital requirements and its remaining build-operate-transfer payments, which would last up to 2009. These, he said, would amount to around \$60 million.

Portion of the IPO proceeds would be spent for the refurbishment of existing drilling equipment and the acquisition of new machinery, to enable the company to keep up with the rising demand for drilling services abroad, he said

"We need to finance new drilling equipment because we've been getting many invitations to drill abroad," he said

He said a complete refurbishment of PNOC-EDC's existing equipment as well as the purchase of a brand new rig would cost between \$150 million and \$200 million.

The balance of the expected \$300 million

in IPO proceeds, he said, would be used to continue exploration efforts in a geothermal site in Cabahan, Southern Leyre.

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In an earlier interview, Eduardo Manalac, president and chief executive of PNOC-EDC parent firm PNOC, said a new well should be drilled to the area to confirm between 100 megawatts (MW) and 110 MW of possible new capacity

The drilling should be done some time this

Depending on the results of the drilling, he said PNOC-EDC would be able to determine the feasibility of developing the project, which would pave the way for a new power source for the Mindanao grid.

In terms of funding, he said PNOC-EDC had already talked to the Japan Bank for International Cooperation for possible official development assistance (ODA).

PNOC-EDC's IPO was onginally slated for September or October, but was pushed back by a couple of months to coincide with the anticipated improvement in market conditions toward the end of the year.

Aquino said that according to the company's financial advises, the current market slump was expected to last two months, followed by another two months of consolidation, and a likely market improvement after that.



ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING MEET

President Macapagal-Arroyo presented during the 9th annual Asia-Pacific group meeting on Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing the achievements of the government's anti-money laundering campaign. Mick Keelty (right), APM commissioner of the Australian Federal Police also attended the conference.

### Ham dynasty

### BREAKTIME



And the Ombudsman said there was "probable cause" in the case filed by some groups that were said to be taking up the cudgels for the company that lost in the Comelec bidding

for the automation project But down here, we all know what happened to the Comeiec project. The Supreme Court killed it only a few months before the 2004 elections, right when it was already in

By the way, then Chief Justice Hilario Davide actually sided with Justice Jose Vitug who opined that the case against the Comelec should be dismissed.

Reason: the case did not go through any trial of facts in the lower courts. Not even an investigation of the complaint in the Ombudsman? Not even an any hearing in any borongoy!

In effect, by ruling on the case, the Supreme Court was acting as the trial court which, to Vintg and Davide, the high court was not supposed to do.

The suspicion at that time was that the Comelec automation project had to be stopped to allow the kind of "massive" cheating that somebody needed to win in the elections.

At the beginning of the case, the Supreme Court did not even thank that the case merited a TRO to stop the Comelec ammediately from implementing the project.

From out of nowhere, just a couple of months before the 2004 elections, which later on took some political color with accusation of massive cheating, the Supreme Court ruled that the contract was null and void

There you have it: The Supreme Court told the Ombudsman to hurry up the investigation of impropelety in the Comelec project, while the Supreme Court, in effect, already ruled that the wrongdoings took place. I mean, which should have come first?

DURING lunch break, employees of the SSS hold protest railies in front of the SSS head of-

fice in Quezon City. They are simply venting frustration over the way SSS president Corazon de la Paz is running (or more precisely, NOT running) the pension fund.

For one, the SSS union members are pointing at her chronic absenteeism, which they said was the reason why the SSS service to its members is deteriorating. For instance, the IT system of the SSS is

useless. Its branches are never "on-line" with the main office. Plans and programs that were already approved by the commission were never fully implemented.

One possible reason was the SVP in charge of IT, a certain Miguel Roca, who is doubletiming as a law student at the UP. The SSS union accuses Roca of a similar bad habit as that of De la Paz-absenteeism.

And so the commission, headed by Thelmo Cunanan, was forced to withhold from the SSS management additional IT budget, demanding that management should first do all the previous projects.

Really, SSS executives are saying that Cunanan, as SSS chair, is even more hands-on than the president.

Apparently due to the restlessness at the SSS cank and file, De la Paz assigned to herself three close-in bodyguards, armed with 9mm pistols, who follow her around probably even all the way to the toilet, if they are not riding in their back-up cars, the fuel paid for with our hard earned contribution.

Running the SSS for De la Paz are three 'special assistants" (i.e. consultants), rumely Lucito Sioson, Art San Gabriel and Nazario Cabuquit, Each of them receives P150,000 a month, excluding perks and what have you, which they must get for sitting in the boards of companies as SSS representatives.

Again, these are mere consultants.

INSURANCE playboy reportedly claimed that his company already settled with the BIR its documentary stamp tax obligation of some 2800 million.

My contacts in the bureau said if that was so, he should go to town with copies of the payment receipt

But the question is, according to BIR insiders, where did the money go? It is possible that he was referring to the P5 million that, way back in 1998, his company was said to have spent to silence the BIR top official at that time?

That, definitely, is not the same as settle-

That is just similar to the maneuver that somebody did to avoid going to juil after that terrible accident involving a pedestrian and a speeding brand new Porsche sports car some time ago.

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MARIA Paz D. Lim, first vice president of Philippine National Bank, has been designated acting bank treasurer, following the untimely demise of first senior vice president SyMa Chan-Lim.

STOCKHOLDERS of International Exchange Bank will have their annual meeting on Aug. 3, 4 p.m. at the New World Renaissance Hotel in Makati. Stockholders of record as of July 4 are entitled to attend and vote.

FORMER House of Investments Inc. director Yvonne S. Yuchengco, who resigned last June 26, has advised the company that she would not run for reelection as director during the annual stockholders' meeting on July 21

SAH Miguel Corp. said Faustino F Galang and Francis H. Jardeleza, both directors and principal officers of the corporation, had subscribed to 20,000 shares each through the employee stock purchase plan on June Compiled by Kale Pedroso, PDI Research

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### BUSINESS

## EO removing export fees drafted

### Helping industry without draining state coffers

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT HAS FINALized a draft executive order than lifts various fees and charges imposed on exporters.

The draft order, prepared by the National Tax Research Center (NTRC), has been submitted to Malacafiang for the approval of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said the Department of Finance had agreed to the proposed lifting of the various fees charged on exporters saying this would help boost the country's export sector without necessarily draining the state coffers.

A technical working group composed of the DOF, Department of Trade and Industry and NTRC agreed to remove these fees and charges, saying the move would cost the government only about P30 million in revenue a year. Fiscal authorities said the amount was some-



fronted with a budget problem, could afford

Under the draft EO, the government said that remova, of the export fees would help improve the country's economic growth, thing the government, still con- as the fees and charges had been

found to be adversely affecting further simplified. the competitiveness of the export

Donald Dee of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and industry earlier said the plan to withdraw export fees would not only lower the cost of doing business for exporters but also sunplify and ease trading proce-

Exporters are required to pay severas fees, ancluding those charged for inspection and clearance, before they can ship out their products.

"The country's economic recovery program recognizes the role of exports in hastening the artainment of economic goals," according to the draft BO.

The draft EO, if signed, would require concerned government agencies and government-owned and -controlled corporations to submit to the DTI, through the Erport Development Council. proposals on how export docu-

The lifting of export fees would benefit mainly small players in the export industry, as many big exporters, particularly those in economic zones, are already exempted from such fees.

The move reflects the government's desire to prioritize the export sector in term of state assis-

While there are moves in Congress to rationalize fiscal incentives granted to the business sector, such as through the removal of tax- and duty-free perks deemed unnecessary, exporters are not seen to be affect-

The Senate committee on ways and means, headed by Sen. Ralph Recto, is preparing a bill on the rationalization of fiscal incentives. The committee's plan is to limit fiscal incentives, as much as possible, only to exporters. The bills will be up for deliberations once Congress resumes session

### HGC guarantee up

By Doris C. Dumiso

LOW INTEREST RATES AND those of the subdivision develstrong remittances from overseas Filipino workers have fueled a robust demand for lowand medium-cost housing in the Philippines, the stateowned Home Guaranty Corp.

In an interview, HGC president Gonzalo Bongolan said the robust demand had allowed his agency to post P51.41 billion in outstanding guarantees last year or 23 percent higher than previous year's level. The guarantees covered 227,099 shelter units.

HGC is the only government institution that guarantees against credit risks in housing.

It covers both the housing ioans of home buyers and opers. It is one of the five key shelter agencies supervised by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) chaired by Vice Presidear Noll de Castro.

"We've settled all unpaid guaranty obligations to private institutions. We brought down. the default ratto from an average of aimost 10 percent yearly to less than one percent in the last four years," Bongolan said

HGC reduced its workforce by 70 percent from 391 to 107 permanent employees, resulting in a payroll reduction of 60 percent per month, or from P17.6 million to only P7 million.

### Fujitsu seeks bigger share of imaging market

TECHNOLOGY FIRM FUJITSU it had been making the machines from other brands include their Philippines Inc.-which forms part of one of the country's leading group of export manufacturers-yesterday launched a full ane of document imaging scanners in a bid to tap a cross section of the imaging market, including homes, small offices and big com-

Peter G. Tan, company president and chief executive, said the move involved the relaunch of the firms' scanner products since that set the Fujitsu scanners apart

for a long time although this was little known to the public.

Pujusu Philippines launched five new products ranging from an entry level unit that can scan both sides of a document at up to 18 pages a minute, to a huge volume production unit that can process up to 100 sheets per minute or some 100,000 sheets a

He added that the key features

charge coupled device (CCD) technology "for vibrant color reproduction and crystal clear images, even when the documents being scanned are not lying perfertly flat against the scanning

Another feature is the automane document feeder which saves users from the tedious task of manually feeding documents into the scanner and allows the acaming of large volumes of doc-

uments at high speed for increased productivity.

Fujitsu Philippines chair Shigeo Tsubotani said the local Fujitsu group, which has three manufacturing facilities and three of fices in the country, had so far invested a total of \$850 million in the country.

"We have a total of some 10,000 employees and we ship out some \$1.2 billion worth of goods yearly." Tsubotani said. Rounel W. Domingo

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### RP to import more rice from Thailand, China

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORity will import an additional 34,880 metric tons of rice from China and Thailand to beef up the country's buffer stocks during the lean months of July to September, which will cost the government some P540 million.

The state-run trading firm awarded the country's required import allocation to Chinese firm Daewoo International Corp. and That firm President Agri Trading, which would bring in 24,880 metric tons and 10,000 metric tons, respectively, according to NFA Administrator Gregorio Tan Jr.

Tan said the first rice shipment of month, 12,500 MT will follow in rising demand for the staple. August and the rest by September

30-day buffer stock of about our buffer stock," he added.

930,000 metric toos of rice to prevent a shortage. The agency is set to import a total of 1.64 million metric tons of rice this year. As of the first week of July, about 1 million metric tons have been slupped to meet the daily domestic rice consumption reguirement of at least 31,000 MT.

According to Tan, the NFA would continue importing rice despite the expected increase in rice production to about 14.9 milhon to 15.4 million metric tons.

He expurined that the rising Phiappine population has put more pressure on the country's food supply, with the average darly rice requirement of the country hitting 31,000 metric tons.

The agency, he said, had to re-7,500 MT will arrive within the sort to importation to meet the

"Even if we become self-suffior before harvest begins in October. cient in rice this year, we will The NPA is tasked to maintain a have to continue importing for

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### Subsidy issue feared to affect rice program

restive due to a lingering row over a subsidy scheme that allegedly favored a single supplier of hybrid rice seeds.

The row threatens to dent the credibility of President Macapagas Arroyo's hybric rice program as .ts implementing agencies came under fire from farmers' groups over supplier subsidy and poor seed performance issues.

One of the biggest group of rice farmers in Norther Luzon recently called for the scrapping of the multimillion-peso subsidy while the scheme and the quality of the hybrid rice seeds sold by the suppher were being probed.

The North Luzon-based West Tanat Multipurpose Cooperative (WPMC) said " the Department of Agriculture's apparent preference for the subsidized supplier over the others may have hindered it from responding to the would help improve their plight."

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THE PARM SECTOR IS GETTING call of farmers for an investigation of allegations that the program had not resulted in better harvests and economic returns for rice farmers."

Farmer leader and WPMC chair Melany Aquino said the agriculture sector had been asking the DA to look into reports that the use of the hybrid rice seed supplied by the favored seed company "had been less profstable compared with the regular variety since farmers had to spend more for inputs and labor."

The apparent poor performance of the variety may have spurred the 68- to 78-percent dropout rate for farmers participating at the program, Aquino noted.

Aquino said the dropout rate and the reported failure of the hybrid rice variety to improve farm yield "could seriously dampen the farmers' expectation that the program

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### **BUSINESS**

# Central Visayas exports up 12.5% to \$1.12B in Q1

By Irene R. Sino Crux PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY-BUOYED BY THE robust performance of the electronics sector, overall exports from Central Visayas rose 12.55 percent in the first quarter this

### Semiconductors leads growth, but food, copra, rubber down

Total exports in the first three first quarter this year already months went up to \$1 122 billion shows some positive trends as we from \$997.029 million last year, see some interesting growth rates based on the statistics gathered in various sectors despite the from the Bureau of Customs and drop in some," Philippine Exthe Philippine Economic Zone porters Confederation Cebu pres-Authority (PEZA). dent Allan Suarez said during a

held here recently. Electronics exports alone rose 41.47 percent, from \$306.263 million in 2005 to \$433,258 milhoe in 2006.

general membership meeting

Suarez, who was appointed Visayas representative in the Export Development Council, also noted the increase in exports of industrial goods (62.58 percent), consumer goods (17.79 percent) and information technology (II)

"Preliminary figures for the and IT-enabled services (500.56 percept)

On the other hand, he noted the drop in the exports of food products (31.85 percent) and traditional products such as rubber and copia (60,78 percent).

Of the top 10 exporters in Cebu, seven (Cebu Mitsumi, Lexmark Incl Phils Inc., Pentax Cebu Phils. Corp., Muramoto Audio Visual Phils., Taiyo Yuden Phils., Integrated Microelectronics and Olympus Optical Technology Phils. Inc.) are engaged in the manufacturing of electronic products.

The others are involved in soft ware development (NEC Telecom Software Phils. Inc.), garments manufacturing (Metro Wear) and

seaweed processing (Shemberg Marketing Corp.).

The region's top markets are Japan, the United States, Hong Kong, China, Netherlands, Hungary, Singapore, United Kingdom. Taiwan and Korea.

Cebu accounted for the bulk of the exports of the region, which also covers Bohol, Oriental Negros and Signifor

Last year, the Central Visayas region exported \$4.71 billion worth of goods and services, with electronics remaining the top export, Suarez said.

He, however, said that the export sector was finding it more difficult to do business because of the country's commitments to the World Trade Organization and

Suarez also noted that the government regulations were also making it difficult for exporters as production inputs, such as the fuel costs, continued to increase,

Although the region's exports increased in value and volume, he noted that the bottom line of exporters continued to decline due to rising costs, he added.

Suarez also cited other assues t such as the anti-smuggling bill, the ban on the use of abaca in the manufacture of goods and the Customs Brokers Act as among the major concerns of the export

He urged the government to look at how it could help the expost sector remain competitive in the global market by addressing these concerns.

### DAVAO CITY WATER DISTRICT J.P Laurel Ave., Devao City Tel: #221-9400 INVITATION FOR BEST OFFER

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Design and Construct/Build Scheme

The Municipality of Solime. By write of a duty approved Sanggunger Bayon Resolution, has authorized the Hancrakin Mayor Santago D. Bucksan to Secure a layer from the Lark of the Proposed New Solimon Public Commercial Medical Annex Building - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL SCHOOL

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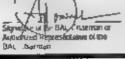
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### Plant more coffee, Nestle urges farmers

By Alex Pal PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY-NESTLE PHILIPPINES said the Philippines needed to increase its production of coffee due to the increasing demand for one of the world's most popular bev-

in a briefing during a meeting of the League of Corporate Foundations here last week, Lumaghas placed current domestic consumption of coffee at around 60,000 metric tons.

At a minimum growth of 3 percent a year, Lumaghes estimated that total domestic consumption would hit 78,000 menic tons by 2015.

However, the Philippenes produces only 28,000 metric tons of coffee a year. To make up for the shortfall, it buys coffee from other countries, notably Viernam, worth P1.5 billion. Because of this, Nesde has encouraged farm-

ers to plant coffee and jatropha, which are complementary crops. The oil from Jarropha seeds has been devel-

oped into a fuel for heating and velucles. Jatropha oil sells for 40 cents a liter in the

The province of Oriental Negros is heeding Nestle's call and is positioning itself to be a major coffee grower.



MAGUINDANAO'S TOP RICE PRODUCER.

Members of the Dama Native Inhabitants Multi-Purpose Cooperative, the majority of whom are former Moro National Liberation Front combatants, sun-dry palay and fill up sacks (inset) at their newly-constructed, P1.6-million grains warehouse in Madidis, Datu Paglas, Maguindanae. The post-harvest facility, constructed by USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program, also serves as the cooperative's office and trading center, where more than 240 members store and sell their palay. The cooperative now boasts of P3 million in assets, a 35-fold increase from a year ago.

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National Transmission Corporation

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Date June 12, 2006 Loan No. CALYON Contract No Sp06.NPTBP VI-0073

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The Metional Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO) administering the implementation of the said project, now invites sealed bids from elicable budders for the

Survey, Design, Supply of Materials/Equipment and Erections Installation and Commissioning of Northern Panay 138/69kV Transmission Backbone Project Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect and acquire

the bidding documents at the Office of the Manager, Bids and Contracts Management Department, Ground Floor Power Center National Transmission Corporation, Quezon Avenue comer BIR Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Telephone No. 981-2212, 981-2213, 981-4652; Telefex No. 921-23-08.

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### Plastics help mold new recycling trade in RP

By Vincent Cabreza PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET-DIScarded plastic cups and plastic containers are nothing like the glass jars and steel bars his father's ninkvard business used to trade in the 1960s.

But Romeo Lim, a recycling advocate, said the increasing volume of plastics discarded by households has convinced the government to finally support the long-neglected national recycling undustry.

Lim and other waste management experts discussed the new role plastic waste products could play in the recycling business during the Benguet leg of the government's recycling collection program.

**Environment Secretary Angelo** Reves promoted the event here

Lim grew up buying metals and jars in Baguio City.

He now owns the oldest junkvards in Baguio, Benguet and La Union, which have shifted from metals to buying or collecting discarded plastic because of the rising demand.

Lisa Antonio, executive director of the advocacy group Philippine Business for Environment, said plastics have become a briskly traded commodity and have helped the government's agenda of shaping a proper solid wante management system for the communities.

The plastic waste are shapped to plants in different Asian countries, like Taiwan and Singapore, which convert it into plates that are then resold here for P10 each, she said.

The demand for plastic provides the government's recycling campaign an example of how trash can become an economic currency for people in the

Lim said however that metal waste, which is melted into construction steel bars, still fetches a higher price compared to plastic.

He said he grew up watching steel prices rise from P6 a kilogram in 1978 to P75 a kg to-

Plastic bottles only go as high as P10 aprece, according to the uniform rates suggested by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, but there is more plastic waste to be collected from households compared to metals, he said.

Speaking at the recycling drive here last June 24, Antonio said: Today, they will buy your unwanted junk materials and they will channel them back to the recycling industry, so that recyclers can make new products... so they save on production costs."

As an example, she said every ton of recycled paper cuts energy used to produce new paper by 80 percent.

Antonio described recycling as reverse tree-planting" because it stops paper makers from cutting 17 trees to make a ton of fresh pa-

She said recycling could help recover discarded plastic water bottles so these would not pile at the dumpsites. Exporting raw plastic recy-

ciables has become a multimillion-peso underground industry because these were purchased at dollar-denominated prices, she said.

The government-sponsored recycling project will keep the trade above-ground here soon, but local processing plants that convert plastics into new products could not compete with the price sat by plastic ex-

San Miguel Corp. is developing one such facility, but the latest feasibility studies indicate that it may not be able to match the price offered by recycling middle-

Antonio said recycling proponeuts have asked for some tariff support, but government has told them it would violate the World Trade Organization agreements on trade liberaliza-

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His loving wife Violet Dichupa-Vargas; children Marina Pilar and Alessandro Miguel, son-ın-law Carlo Malig; grandchild Miguel Jorge V. Malig, brother Jose Mari L. Vargas, in-laws Barbara C. Vargas, Lily D. Alano, Rosemarie D. Kirzner, Daisy D. Montinola, David J. Dichupa, Jr., Zinnia D. Yang; nephews Henry Jorge C. Vargas and Jack B. Vargas; aunts, uncles, inlaws, cousins, relatives and friends, give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of his life.

His remains lie in state at the La Funeraria Paz, Agoncillo Chapel, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 08 July 2006, to be followed by cremation, at the Main Chapel of the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment at 2:00 p.m. at the St. James the Greater Crypt, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City.

With grateful hearts to our Father in heaven, we announce the passing to eternal life of our beloved wife and mother

### Imelda Villaverde Wong

who joined our Creator in a serene and prayerful manner last July 2, on a bright and peaceful Sunday morning

We, her spouse William,

her children Amy & Bay, Allan & Lenny,

and Peter, her grandchildren Alrick, Angel, Beanne, Alexa,

Red and Judge thank our Lord for her beautiful and most fruitful 59 vears.

We thank all those who touched her life and whose lives she has

Her mortal remains were immediately cremated in accordance with her wishes. In heu of a wake, a special mass and fellowship in her memory will be offered on July 11, 2006 at 9.00 am at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Bel-air, Makati City.

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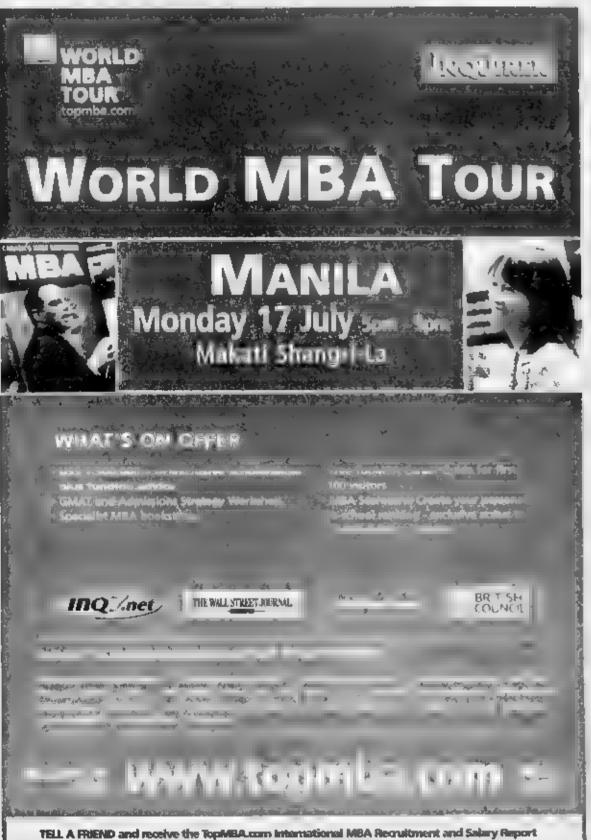
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# BUSINESS



CLARK Development Corp. has again declared the bidding for the Mimosa Leisure Estate a

# Clark body voids Mimosa contract

### Korean firm fails to meet contract terms

By Tonette Orejas PDI Central Linson Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—THE state-owned Clark Development Corp. yester-day revoked the award it granted to the win-

ning bidder of the 215-hectare Mimosa Leisure Estate here.

Antonio Ng, CDC president and chief execurive officer, said CDC declared the bidding a failure due to the inability of NTM Jin Hung Joint Venture to sign the lease agreement

within the period set by the bidding's term of

reference (TOR).

Based on the TOR, Ng said the agreement was supposed to be signed 10 days upon notice of the award. The South Korean venture

received the nonce last June 5.

Ng said the TOR also specified that the minimum up from payment must be paid up-

on the signing of the lease agreement

Based on NTM's winning bid, the firm
should have paid P1 32 billion (80 percent of
the minimum of P1.65 billion) plus six

months rental worth \$1.05 million.

The P26-million performance bond that NTM put up has been ordered forfeited following the failed bid

This was the second time that the CDC declared the Mimosa bidding a failure.

The first was in 2004 when the winning bidder was found to have submitted fraudulent claims. The government has been trying to privatize Mirnosa since it seized the estate in 1998 follow-

ing the failure of Mondragon Leisure and Resorts Corp. to remit P500 million in lease payments. Ng said the Office of Government Corporate

Counsel supported the decision of the CDC.

"Philippine bidding laws require strict compliance with TORs prepared by the CDC," he said.

The bids committee, he said, held a pre-bid conference where all bidders had every opportunity to raise issues, including payment terms embodied in the TOR.

From December 2005 to the actual bid on May 22 this year, 14 bid bulletins were issued and questions and requests for changes by other bidders were answered, Ng said.

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THIS IS ALL ABOUT THE GLORY The first of the human spirit against all odds.

Julia Barreiro was born Nov. 7, 1984. At three months, her parents, Matt and Jun Barreiro, were told that Julia was severely-to-profoundly deaf on both ears. At two, she was enrolled at the Maria Lena Buhay, a school that bad a program called oral-aural, where deaf children are taught to speak then later, attend a short program at the John Tracy Clinic in Los to graduate

Angeles, California. In 1993, Julia and her family, encouraged by Julia's improvement during the short stint at the John Tracy Clinic, moved to the US. Julia attended San Marino Elementary School and Brookhurst Jr. High School in California, public schools that offered oral programs for deaf children.



Reggie Aspiras

### Unusual route

When Julia was 14, she and her parents moved back to the Philippines. She attended the Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf. After completing high school, Julia would again take an unusual route

Most of her high school classmates would go on to reputable schools with programs for deaf students. Julia wanted to be a chef. The Center for Culinary Arts never had deaf students before, but Julia's persistence reigned and CCA eventually not only accepted her, but also made adjustments to accommodate her sign language interpreter in order to assist her in learning. She recently graduated and was even asked to give an impromptu speech, which brought the house down with its sheer emotion.

Julia is a living example of one who was born with less but, with it, made the most. Let's ger to know Julia:

What inspired you to be a pastry chef?

When I was 11 years old, my great-grandmother gave me a toy oven. I went home and my mom taught me how to use it. I started baking mini chocolate cakes using my toy oven. I made nice cakes.

What did you find to be the hardest to overcome?

The first two-day orientation program of CCA. I had to listen, watch the demo, write down notes and make products at the same time. It was very confusing. Before that, I did not have an interpreter, and I had to do all four at the same time.

I wanted to give up but Chef James talked to me and told me never to give up. My parents and my Ate Lyra, too, kept telling me, "Don't

Until Level 2 [I had] no interpreter. Nutrition and Business Marketing were hard and confusn got me this recorder so I could record all my lessons. When I got home, morn and dad would listen to the tape and type. Sometimes it took six hours. I'd rest and then we would study until 3 a.m. I was always tired and wanted to give up. Mom and Dad were also tired listening to all my lesson tapes but they never told me that. So, I prayed to Mama Mary and my Lolo to make me strong.

What was the biggest challenge? The biggest challenge was talking with my

classmates and chef instructors.

At first, I was shy to talk to them because ! knew they would not understand me and maybe they would leave me and just stop talking to me.

But I am happy that my classmates liked me. They always took care of me. They would stay after school and explain to me. Some classmates and some chefs even learned sign language so they could talk to me. Chef James always hugged me and told me that I was good.

And then my interpreters, Teacher Baby, Teacher May and Teacher Amy, always told me that everything would be okay. They were al-

ways there for me. The biggest obstacle?

It is hard because people talk in Tagalog. I know maybe 10 words. People would talk and laugh and I wouldn't understand their jokes, I also wanted to know what was so funny.

What do you plan to do now that you have graduated?

I'd like to work first so I can learn about business. Then maybe open a small business with my classmates and my best friend, Mika. She is good in math and she will take care of that. I will just bake and bake. Then maybe open another business in the US with my Ate Lyta or in Europe. Maybe a small café in Parisi

Do you see yourself pursuing baking?

Yes. But I also see myself doing other things. 1 think I will succeed in other things, too, because my parents and sister always say that I should believe in myself.

I am thankful to those who have been good to me. Especially my dad, mom and Ate Lyra—they have sacrificed so much for me. Even the move to the USA was for me because they wanted me to go to a good school. I want to be like my Ate Lyra. She is good, I had difficuit times but I had good teachers and friends at CCA. Morniny Carol, Liz, Caroline, Elaine,

hearingimpaired student from the

Myra, Jason, Eric, Mimi, Amy and Marivi were my friends. And God, He always takes care of

My perents and Ate Lyra always tell me I don't have to be rich to be successful. Success is when you are able to be yourself, trying your best and being happy

To you, dear Julia, for the inspiration your person brings, thank you. God bless you, may His angels carry you to the path of your dreams, and may each of your dreams come true!

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SOPA Seca, dried garlic soup baked with egg

A perfect accompaniment to the paella is

At the cozy La Esquina, you may want to begin your meal with Lacon, cooked boiled

leg of ham dusted with Spanish paprika, or Sopa Seca, dried garlic soup baked with egg

To cap your meal, Sison has specially creat-

ed desserts like Tocino de Ciclo, a very rich egg yolk custard with caramel sauce; Biscocho de Naranja, traditional orange cake with candied orange peel; and Decadent Choco-

late Cake, rich and moist flourless chocolate

Bobbit Ponce Enrile, president of the Ladera Culinary Services Inc. that manages

the restaurant, says La Esquina is Spanish for "corner." The restaurant, which seats 60, got

its name because it is located in one corner of the clubhouse, providing patrons a panoram-

ic view of the golf course with its glass walls.

Offering a more relaxed ambience, Ladera

Golfer's Lounge has a more international

menu to meet the varied tastes and prefer-

ences of golfers. Menu items include Tagay-

tay's signature dishes, like bulalo; and 15 dif-

ferent pizza flavors, including Chocolate,

Among the fusion dishes are Peking Duck Mami and Chorizo Carbonara. Light snacks

are Empanaditas with three kinds of fillings

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Ladera is Spanish for "hillside." The golfers

lounge, situated on an elevated portion of the clubhouse, has a more casual atmosphere with its high wood ceilings and wrought-iron

chandeliers. Its patio doors open wide to let

the cool Tagaytay breeze into the dining area.

Guests can have their dessert and coffee al

fresco in the adjoining veranda. The restau-

rant's dining area seats 90 while the veranda

"For us, the golf course isn't the club's only source of pride," says Katrina Ponce Enrile,

president and CEO of Jaka Group of Compa-

nies. The group is also proud of the food

The Splendido clubhouse was designed by

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Pollo Iberico, white chicken roasted with

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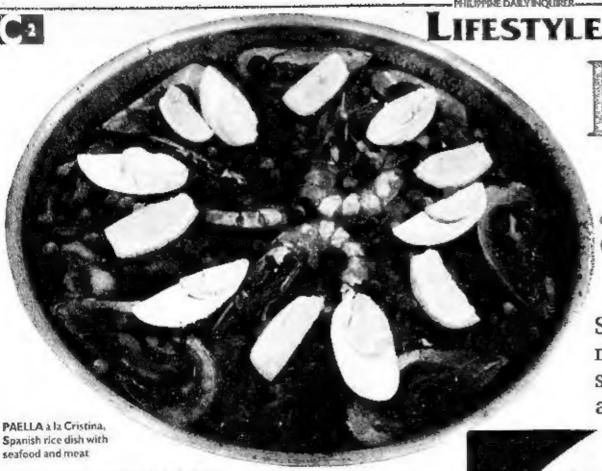
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Golfer's lounge

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Spanish Will offer all . . . .



**Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes** 

AFTER A GOOD ROUND OF GOLF, what do golfers do? Eat, that's

Yes, eating usually follows after hitting golf

balls and perfecting back swings on the

greens. This is why, in most golf and country

clubs, food is also given priority; menus are well thought-out, offering more than just

In fact, clubhouses are now trying to be-

The Spanish-Mediterranean-inspired club-

come gastronomic destinations not only for

house of the Splendido Taal Residential, Golf

and Country Club in Tagaytay City is among

those aiming to attract foodies and food-lov-

Tapping the expertise of thefs Ed Quimson

and Heny Sison, the Splendido clubhouse in

the 250-ha property owned by Jaka Tagaytay

Holdings Corporation, offers a wide selection

of fine-and-fun dishes in its two outlers, La Es-

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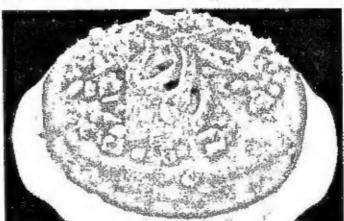
Splendido offers more than just filling snacks for golfers and their families



ENSALADA de Pecado Dona Cecile, fish, apple and pineapple salad



BISCOCHO de Traranja, traditional orange cake with candied orange





CHEFS Ed Quimson and Heny Sison created

Splendido's Spanish-Mediterranean-inspired

KATRINA Ponce Enrile, president and CEO of Jaka Group of Companies that runs Splendido Golf and Country Club

Clubhouses are traditionally "fueling" stations for golfers. But La Esquina is not the sandwich-variety clubhouse. It is a finedining place, with traditional Spanish dishes like Tigres, fresh mussels stuffed with sauréed Spanish chorizo, aligue and shrimps topped with cheese and baked with a dash of paprika to give it that distinctive Spanish

Batido de Sardinas is whipped cheese and sardines blended into a pâté and cleverly served on an upturned goblet with Melba

Alcachofas Infanta Lenot, heart of artichokes sautéed in butter with garlic and Spanish chorizo, is innovative.

And what is a Spanish restaurant without naella? Quimson and Sison offer three varieties: Paella à la Christina, named after Jaka chair Cristina Ponce Enrile; Spicy Paella Negra made with squid and squid ink; and Paella de Mariscos or seafood paella.

"Paellas at La Esquina follow the traditional recipes from Valencia that require paella to LADERA'S patio doors let the cool Tagaytay breeze waft through the be cooked slowly over low heat to produce a



dining area.



shell. Hence, it doesn't deserve the name and so is known as sagmani. Another difference is that the sweetened part is distributed evenly throughout the entire sagmani, making it a more democrat-

ic kakanin.

DGF contest \*Submit your entries to DGF Food Writing Award c/o Prism, 5/F PDAF Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200. Deadline is Aug. 31. Use a pen name for your essay. With your entry, submit an information sheet with your real name, pen name, address, telephone, e-mail address.

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A 'kakanin' called 'binagol'

KAKANIN IS THE SUBJECT matter of this year's The Doreen Gamboa Fernandez Food Writing Award. It's the general name for native cakes and its root word is kanin or cooked rice.

But native cakes can also be made from fruit (saba banana), roor crops or other grains like corn and millet.

The award committee hopes that with so many kinds of kakanin throughout the country, there will be varied entries about the many kinds of puto, bibingka, suman, sapin-sapin, etc.\*

On a recent trip to Leyte, I had the chance to know more about one kind of kokanin we love to eat and which is a welcome pasalubong, awaited by friends

and family. My agenda for my task day in Leyte was a trip to the town of Dagami. It's the place known for binagal, a specialty made from a kind of root crop, with a sweetened center mixed in with SORRE and peanuts, placed in half a coconut shell, then wrapped in banana leaves and secured with a soring tied in a radial pattern.

It's a treat awaited by many people who have tasted it, who find the very sweet center tempered by the comparatively bland surrounding mixture.

Its taste and what it looked like were all I knew of binagol and so I welcomed the opportunity to find out exactly how it was done.

From Tacloban, past Tanauan, we got to Dagami where some houses sold piles of binagol at their makeshift selling area. Because we wanted to know the process, we were disappointed that most of the houses that made the specialty finished cooking the night before.

it seemed the Tacloban fiesta had something to do with that.



They knew there would be so many orders for feasts and for bulikboyons, all amious to taste binagol once again.

We were pointed in the direction of one house where it was possible there was still some cooking going on. Same story. The cooking was almost done and the last batch was going through the final phase of boiling. Pieces from an earlier batch were drying on the table.

Basics of 'binagol'-making

The proprietors, Berting and Letty Pasagui, were willing to let their moks tell us about the process. But they also said even if we were there at the start of the preparation and on to the cooking, the whole thing took about 10 hours to do. So, unless we were willing to wait for the next cooking, we would have to make do with the parative.

Outside the house, stalks of univan, the main ingredient, leaned on the walls. Tolyan is a root crop that looks like a giant gabi (taro) plant. The couple's

supply comes from Calbiga in in a deep por filled with water Samar and costs P100 per piece. then boiled. After the final cook-

According to the cooks, the talyan has to grow on a sloped area so the water does not remain in the soil and cause the root crop to rot. They also said harvesters could tell which talyan wasn't fit for cooking by partially cutting the stem and putting some of the sap to the arm. If the arm itched, they would bypass that plant.

The talyant is stripped first of its outer covering to reveal the pure white interior. This is pared until the surface looks the way it's supposed to, pristine white and smooth.

Next step is to run the ralyan through a grating machine. The grated root crop is mixed with the rest of the ingredients (coconut milit, sugar).

For the sweetened part, gabi, sugar and the latik (coconut milk with sugar), plus some peanuts, are cooked together for an hour.

The assembly starts by lining a half occount shell (bagot) with a cut banana leaf. Another town supplies the shell-halved, deaned, smoothened.

The sweetened part is placed next then the univan mixture, filling up all the spaces, with the top shaped into a small mound. A cut banana leaf covers the whole thing and everything is held together with a string.

Packed binagol are then placed

The Pasaguis make 40 dozens every day but, when there is a fiesta somewhere, the number goes up to 100 dozens. A dozen costs P200. When we bought two dozens, Bert Pasagui jokingly said he expected me to buy more considering I was working for a newspaper. Local humor makes my

ing, the pieces are retrieved from

the pot and brought out to dry.

work a lot more interesting. Binggol is too rich for me and I can't finish one piece by myself. It's even richer when eaten just after it was cooked, as we did when our purchase was brought back to Tacloban. All the Warays at the table kept saying how different and how good just-cooked binagol

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# Eating

By Margaux Salcedo Contributor

NE OF THE PROBLEMS OF LIVING in the city is that not every meal is necessarily healthy. Past food was clearly not conceived for the health-conscious. And the South Beach diet is next to impossible to follow if you regularly take out

Enter The Sexy Chef. Picture yourself walking through the mall and finding a kiosk where the burritos are of whole-wheat tortilla and brown rice, the pasta is whole wheat, and the shakes use Splenda.

To the healthy eater, The Sexy ChePs menu is like whole-wheat manna from heaven!

The Sexy Chef is the fast-food stand of Gold's Gym that now welcomes not only Gold's Gym members but all healthy eaters as well. It is a sexy little klosk that is run, literally, by a very sexy chef, Barni Alejandro.

The younger sister of singer Rachel Alejandro, Barni was a pre-school teacher who loved to cook and was informally Rachel's personal chef. She would whip up meals for friends and family and became known by word of mouth for her tasty, albeit very healthy, specialties.

Last year, Rachel decided it was time Barni dropped the teacher façade and focused on what she really loved; cooking. They started catering to people in the Quezon City area and, at the height of the South Beach diet frenzy, became known for delivering South Beach meals. The Sexy Chef was born.

#### New branch

Later, The Sexy Chef was invited to become the official food partner of Gold's Gym. Soon, they opened the first kiosk-cum-beverage bar in Robinson's Galleria. This week they opened their second stall just outside Gold's Gyrn at the 3/L, Gold's Gym, Glorietta.

The klock offers fast wraps, salads, pesta, shakes and even pastries, all using healthy sugar-free, low-calorie, low-carb ingredients. For instance, all the wraps are made of wholewheat tortilla, which Barni bakes herself to ensure its rexture is not too stiff or too starchy.

She also uses low-far cheese and brown rice for the various burritos that range from vegetarian to tuna to beef. There is even a Chicken Adobo burrito that uses brown rice and mango.



RACHEL and Barni Alejandro understand that for people on a diet, no regular menu will do.

For the cakes and pastries, the selection is low-fat and sugar-free. I would recommend the brownies because, surprisingly, these are ouite moist and don't taste like they are sugar-

The idea of offering the kiosk to the public, Barni says, was brought about by their own frustration. When she and her sister would tour the malls, they could never find anything quick yet healthy to eat.

Almost all food choices offer white starch and use too much oil. If you are serious about watching your weight or simply being over-all healthy, the best choice would be to not eat at all. So they created this food choice as an alternative for the mall-goer with a healthy lifestyle.

Even better, if you are so busy you don't have time to go to the mall, The Serry Chef will bring your meals to your doorstep! Yes, they deliver.

They even take it a step further by whipping up meals according to your whims as well

Barni, from her experience as Rachel's personal chef, understands that for people on a diet, no regular menu will do. So they have created a system where The Sexy Chef can be your personal chef. They have a set South Beach Diet Premiere Package for only P800 that includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, two macks and dessert.

But when you call, you can tell them your diet specifications so The Sexy Chef can adjust to what works best for you. For example, if you don't ear pork, they look for alternatives. If you hate dairy, they can work around that, too. A file is made for each customer and the diets are very personalized.

Eating was never this sexy!

Call 9118881 or 0917-7992433, or drop by The Sexy Chef by Gold's Gym at Glorietta in

CRUSTASIA Asian Crab and Seafood House features Pan-fried Catfish in Green Curry Sauce. Other bestsellers Include Grouper Steamed in Superior Sauce, Three-layer Fish, Salt and Pepper Shrimps, Beancurd Hotpot, Chinese Ginger Broth, Sweet and Sour Fish and the Asian Deep-fried and Barbecue Specials. The restaurant launched recently the Asian Seafood Theater, Branches are at the G/L Rockwell Power Plant Mall, Makati, and The Podlum, 3/F, 18 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center. Call 7285463 or 6313857.



### Grilled food festival

SAISAKI CELEBRATES THE traditional Japanese culinary art of Yaldmone or grilling with its Rebatayald Festival. Try Kani Bacon Maki, crabstick rolled in bacon; Tori Chilsu Maki, cheese rolled in chicken fillet; Ika, squid; Ebi, prawn; Niku Aspa Maki, asparagus rolled in beef; as well as other Saisaki buffet dishes: ebi tempura, suklyaki, steak, sushi, sashimi.

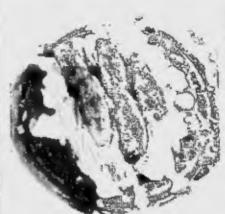
Price of Saisaki buffet (available in SM Megamall, Glorietta III, Alabang Town Center, Padre Faura. EDSA, and West Avenue) is P485 only, P385 on promo days, Call 5323004 or 5317292.

TRADERS Hotel Manile is holding Gourmet Moments from Penang

until July B in cooperation with Malaysia Airlines and Tourism Malaysia. Festival features visiting chefs from Shangri-La's Golden Sands Resort in Penang, Malaysia. Ouring the two-weekslong festival, diners can win a round-trip ticket to Penang, courtesy of MAS and a two-night stay at Shangri-La's Golden Sands Resort.

#### **DINING OUT** FILOS Restaurant at the Fort Strip in

Taguig City marks its anniversary July 8. The first 50 guests will get a 10-parcent privilege card. Filos' bestsellers include Gambas, Adobo Sofrito Springroit, Crab Shrimp and Mango Salad, Bangus Belly stuffed with pinakbet.



**HEAVEN 'N EGGS** features Chilca Chicken Barbecua and Choco Banana-nut Waffle. Heaven in Eggs branches are located at CKB Bidg. on Tomas Morato, Quezon City; Glorietta 4, Makati; Fuente Circle, Eastwood City; and Market! Marketl at The Fort, Taguig.

### Add color to your day—eat your veggies

By Linda B. Bolido

SOMETHING GREEN, SOMETHING RED AND something citrus are not things a bride-to-be needs to have on her wedding day.

They are actually what many nutritionists recommend people should eat every day to guarantee a good mix of vitamins and minerals, according to Maxine Stinton on BBC Health online.

Strictly speaking, of course, though green is the predominant color of fruits and vegetables, pure red is not all that common, particuin the Philippines, so perhaps take it to mean any other color aside from green and citrus.

July is Nutrition Month so, once more, with feeling, we remind people to eat their vegetables and fruits. And remember, potato chips and French fries are not vegetables, even if they are dyed red, green and citrus.

Stinton repeats what other nutritionists have been saying all along: "Fruits and vegetables are brimming with fiber, plus a whole range of vitamins and minerals and, because they're low in calories, they make an important and healthy addition to any dier." They have been found to help prevent many illnesses, including heart disease and some cancers.

Health authorities recommend eating at least five portions of fruits and vegetables every day-fresh, tinned, frozen, cooked, juiced

The question, of course, is, how much is a

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portion? Here are some guidelines:

· One piece of medium-sized fruit, e.g. an apple, peach, banana or orange

· One slice of large fruit, such as melon, mango or pineapple

· One handful of grapes or two handfuls

of cherries or berry fruits One tablespoon of dried fruit

 A glass (roughly 100 ml) of fruit or vegetable juice

· A small tin (roughly 200 g) of fruit · A side salad

 A serving (roughly 100 g) of vegetables, e.g. frozen or mushy peas, boiled carrots or stir-fried broccoli

· The vegetables served in a portion of vegetable curry, lasagna, stir-fry or casserole Stinton says you can also add some excitement to your life by buying one new fruit or vegetable you've never tried before or didn't like as a child when you go shopping.

Tastes change and by exploring new foods you'll be giving your taste buds a treat and doing your body a favor."

### Feedback

The Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company has finally provided reader teban-

joy@yahoo.com of Taytay, Rizal, a landline, thanks to Horace Lavides, who is in charge of public affairs. The reader said they had been desperately waiting for their phone for two

Thanks, too, to Robert M. Agustin, vice president of the Government Service Insurance System, for solving a problem involving the mother of reader Corazon L. Lavin.

Meanwhile, both Bonifacio Security Services Inc. (BSSI) and the Bonifacio Estates Services Corp. (BESC), estate/property manager of BGCEA (Bonifacio Global City Estates Association), assure reader Paz Arienza they will look into her complaint about abusive traffic marshals inside The Fort and take appropriate action. Atienza said an encounter they had with some rude traffic marshals was too upsetting for her mother.

Reader Milagros Magtalas' complaint about not getting the reward item equivalent to the number of points she earned for using her BPI Express Credit Card has been resolved. BECC said the delay in delivery was simply the result of a slight error in the address given.

(Our regular columnist, Marietta V. Giron, is indisposed. Please send letters to The Consumer; Lifestyle Section, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Ave. con Mascardo and Yague Sts., Makati City, PO Bax 2353 Makati Central Post Office, 1263 Makati; or e-mail lbolido@inquirer.com.ph -Editor)



columnist and board member of n a world filled with hardship Metro Working Morn, and coand challenges, all parents wish to give their children a author of the award-winning healthy, fighting chance at life.

They want their children to be 'matibay " The 'tibay" or strength of a child, however, is not just measured by his physical health, but by his character as well. This inner strength springs from the values formed early in the child's life. Bonakid, the growing-up milk brand of Wyeth Nutritionals, shows full support for parents in nurturing kids to achieve the values of "tiyaga" (perseverance), "pagmamahal sa Diyos" flove for God), "galang" (respect), and "trivala sa sank" (confidence).

in line with this child development. advocacy, Bonakid recently held a two-day affair dubbed "Tibay Tour" at the CSI Citimal in Dagupan, Pangasinan. During the event, parents and their children had the chance to experience (un and learning in various ways. Parents enjoyed short discussions and courseling conducted at the "Tibay Talk" area by Ma. Babel Sison-Dionisio, professional marriage and parenting counselor,

\*Helping Our Children Do Well in School," Kids, on the other hand, had a grand time crafting and listening to animated stones. Active kids played at the "Tibay Ground" which featured a slide, mankey bars and a ball pool. There was also an area furnished with books, coloning materials, and other creative activities. There was "Kulay ng Yibay" that featured face painting and "Larawaning Tibay", which urged kids to give their best strong pose in front of the camera. A Bonakid sampling booth was also available.

Bonalud of Wyeth Nutritionals, believes that "ang tunay na balang may hibay, hindi lang matibay ang katawan, kundi matibay din ang pagkatao." in partnership with parents, it will continue to advocate the values and provide proper nourishment to help give every Filipino child the "tibay" (strength) he needs to become a wellrounded individual. Dahil ang Bonalud, batang may tibay, batang may laban.

### Entries now accepted for Doreen Fernandez writing contest

Writing Award 2006 is now accepting entries.

The Manila Ladies Branch of the International Wine and Food Society (TWFS) said, the competition, now on its fifth year, would have for its theme Filipino native cake or

Starting this year, the Filipino Heritage Pestival Inc. is cosponsoring the award.

Participants in this year's competition must write an essay on native cakes that use rice

THE DOREEN GAMBOA FERNANDEZ FOOD and other grains, roor crops and fruit.

The essay must be in English, 4,500-S,000 characters (about 800 words), printed on two pages of bond paper, double-spaced.

Participants must use a pen name. A separate envelope should have the author's information sheet with (1) name; (2) pen name; (3) residential address and telephone number; (4) business address and telephone number; and (5) cell-phone number.

Deadline for entries is Aug. 31. Send print-

ed entry, with digital copy (in floppy disk or CD) and author's information sheet, to: Doreen Gamboa Fernandez Food Writing Award 2006, IWFS Manila Ladies Branch Awards Committee, Prism, 5/P, PDAF Bidg., Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makari City 1200.

Winners, to be announced in September, will get cash prizes from the Filipino Heritage Pestival Inc.

E-mail dgfawards@yahoo.com.ph or call Girlie Canlas, tel. 8952021.



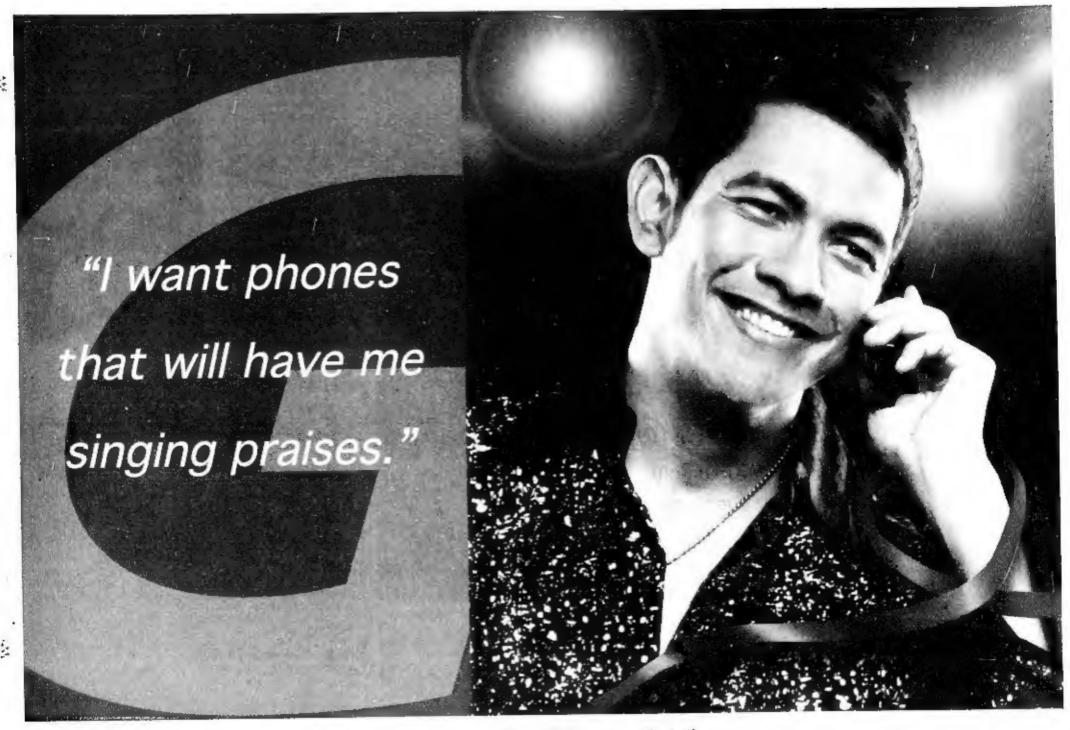
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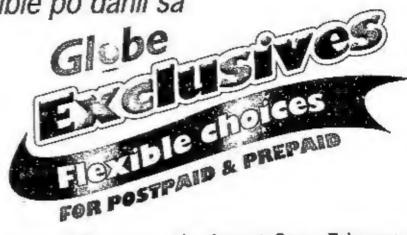
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